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A day after the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, Dec. 22, 2020, the two planets are just above the clouds on the horizon in front of Morrigan Crowl. Read more on page 34. Photo by David Wilson.

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# Shameful

By Thadeus Greenson

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It's understandable if you missed it. After all, the bombshell report dropped on New Year's Eve amid a torrent of headlines about surging COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths, as well as the president's election denial, just days before an insurrection at the U.S. Capitol turned the world on its head.

But the *Washington Post* published a devastatingly thorough investigative report on Brius Healthcare, which owns 80 nursing homes in California, including four in Humboldt County, making it the state's largest for-profit nursing home operator. The *Post*'s story detailed how Brius turns hundreds of millions of dollars in annual Medicare and Medicaid funding to care for elderly or infirm patients into massive profits through the use of so-called "related-party transactions," in which its homes pay other companies owned by the same people marked-up fees to provide services. Essentially, Brius' owners — in addition to taking the company's profits — pay themselves through sister companies that charge Brius inflated prices.

To those paying close attention, this shouldn't be shocking. After all, in 2016 the *Journal's* Linda Stansberry documented how Brius' local homes, which represent a virtual monopoly on skilled nursing care in Humboldt County, shunted some \$5 million to related companies to pay for everything from rent and medical supplies to management services. This while the company reported statewide profits of \$77 million in 2014.

But the *Post*'s report cast a far wider net than the *Journal's*, poring through scores of tax documents from companies owned by Brius' owner Shlomo Reznitz and his family members. The investigation found that in 2013 alone, Reznitz and his wife reported income of at least \$31 million from related companies that provide services to Brius' nursing homes. In 2018 alone, the *Post* reported that Brius paid more than \$100 million to related companies, spending on average 40 percent more per bed on related-party transactions than other for-profit nursing homes in California.

And we can't forget that this is also a company that once refused to accept new patients — a move that had wide ripple effects that impacted local hospitals in desperate need to transfer patients to free up beds and, in some cases, forced frail patients to be transferred hundreds of miles away from their support systems and loved ones — as a bargaining ploy to extract more taxpayer dollars in the form of higher reimbursement rates just two years after banking \$77 million. It's also a company that has long faced allegations — and a host of sustained findings — of inadequate care.

While welcome and revelatory, the *Post*'s report would also be maddening — coming years after the *Journal's* reporting and a subsequent state audit that found Brius was using a web of related companies to bilk massive profits with ineffective state oversight — even if published in

normal times.

But these aren't, of course, normal times.

The *Post*'s story hit as Humboldt County was watching a slow-moving disaster unfold at one of Brius' facilities, Granada Rehabilitation and Wellness in Eureka, which for weeks now has been grappling with a devastating COVID-19 outbreak. At last official count, the virus had left almost no one at the 87-bed facility untouched — with 72 residents and 28 staff members having contracted the virus, and 13 residents having suffered COVID-related deaths.

Local officials have said repeatedly that Granada's staff did all it could to keep the virus at bay. But could they have done more with additional resources, say the \$31 million Reznitz, the man who boasted of his \$3 billion annual income in a 2016 radio interview — bilked from his web of companies tasked with caring for our frail and vulnerable in a single year amid his quest to amass seemingly limitless wealth?

Variations of the situation at Granada are playing out in skilled nursing homes throughout the state and nation, and it would certainly be unfair to cast it simply as Brius' problem. But reports from some of Brius' facilities are nonetheless horrifying. Take the case of Irma Bandala Castro, who works at Brius' Burlingame Skilled Nursing, where 118 residents and 49 staff members had fallen ill, leading to a combined 20 deaths. She told the *Daily Journal* she works on a floor with 92

patients all sick with COVID-19 and that she and a co-worker are sometimes tasked with "overseeing the entire floor, making providing care to a floor of sick, debilitated or dying patients impossible."

COVID-19 has exposed many things about us as a society. It's exposed the chasm that exists in health outcomes between our rich and our poor. It's exposed the toxic individualism that has hamstrung the communal good. And it's exposed the extent to which some of us are willing to sacrifice our neighbors for comforts and a sense of normalcy.

And thanks to the *Post*'s reporting, COVID-19 has also fully exposed the fact that if you're wealthy and callous enough, you can profit exorbitantly off the safety net systems our government has designed to care for our most vulnerable — you can do it in plain sight and, if the worst should come to pass and the pandemic should infect your residents by the hundreds, you can simply ask for more money.

Several days before this issue went to press, the *Times-Standard* reported that the federal government had allocated \$29.5 million in the latest round of CARES Act funding to local healthcare providers.

Brius' four facilities, the article states, received \$2.8 million. ●

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## Lies, Damned Lies and the Capitol

Editor:

Thank you to the editors of the *North Coast Journal* for last week's editorial, "Truth and Reconciliation," stating the facts about the insurrection in the U.S. Capitol.

At the local and national levels, we can all benefit from the use of free speech and calling out lies. Rep. Peter Meijer, (R-Michigan) recently spoke out about the big lie of President Trump. He stated in Congress that while many of his party have argued that since millions of Americans believe the election was stolen, Congress would be justified in preventing Biden from taking the presidency. Meijer pointed out to Trump that many of the voters who believe in the false reality of his victorious election do so because they have heard it from Trump himself and his congressional supporters: "That doesn't make it right. That doesn't make it accurate. It means that you lied to them, and they trusted you and they believed your lies."

During this week of celebrating the nonviolent legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, let us remember the Constitution, which helps hold our country together. Let us keep using our right to free speech to call out lies and represent the truth. And let us remember King's word's, "Don't allow anybody to cause you to lose your self-respect to the point that you do not struggle for justice."

Peter Jain, Trinidad

Editor:

The Jan. 14 NCJ "Truth and Reconciliation" editorial was excellent, and we need more messages like it.

But even more important is us funding efforts, based on science and track record, to change the minds of misled people, people we understandably may

feel "we're done with." Why bother trying? A Jan. 14 NPR interview with a pollster specializing in Republican groups showed the vast majority of the tens of millions of Trump voters still passionately believe the election was stolen from Trump! This is too many people to just write off if we're to start restoring our democracy. We have to try, even if, for now, we continue to mostly fail.

In this misled group, there have to be some people not totally immune to a science-based approach for changing minds. And we can raise enough funding for this approach to keep chipping away at the shell of lies, anger and fear surrounding these misled millions. Doing this absolutely can't wait — we're already seeing new organizing and anger-creation that will cause more attempted disruption or takeovers at all levels of government. We can't just count on time healing these wounds, or on having more police and riot troops than the riot leaders have followers.

If "trying to reason" and "valuing your opinions" haven't worked, we need experts on such things guiding us on what could work, and we then need to follow and fund that guidance.

Jeff Knapp, Arcata

Editor:

We are seeing firsthand how lying for short-term political or personal gain leads to long-term damage that hurts everyone: bystanders, believers, truth-tellers, liars and enablers. (e.g. the GOP and cohorts lied to change the balance of the judicial branch but if they kill our democracy they won't be able to employ their newly conservative courts.) The Hydra of crises we're facing (pandemic response/acceptance and the most significant threat to our democracy since the Civil War) is the direct result of lies knowingly told and amplified by so many unethical, immoral, selfish, unpatriotic, GOP members of Congress and the executive branch.

This kind of individual and institutional lying is destructive. Instead of shrugging it off as spin or "alternative facts," we must stay hyper-aware of its danger: not just ideological danger, corporal danger. Americans should never again trust people like Cruz, Graham, Jordon, McEnany and their ilk. Their reputations should never recover. Some things can't be repaired with

sound bites or eye-rolling apologies. They sold their souls for position and power. It isn't new. But now, we must hold them accountable. We should never again tolerate public servants who don't have honest concern, compassion, and respect for the public. These corrupt, dangerous men and women lied to, manipulated and used their supporters to do their bidding: Citizens in service to leaders is not a democracy. These failed leaders should suffer the worst punishment any egocentric, needy, weak person can imagine: no voice, no power, no consequence.

Whatever is missing in these liars' psychological make-ups makes them pitiable, but not forgivable. Forgiveness only comes with admission, accountability and amended actions; these folks don't seem to have the courage to take these steps. We should never forgive or forget the people who put this country and its citizenry in this dire situation.

Jason Marak, Eureka

## THE TWO PLAGUES FACISM & COVID



Terry Torgerson

Editor:

Truth is a thing of value that is often undervalued. Truth is often seen as a barrier to success when it doesn't fit into one's perceived agenda. Failure to value truth progressed to problems of catastrophic proportions like the riot of Jan. 6. Had Donald J. Trump respected the results of our November election, many would have been disappointed but our nation would have been at some level of peace. But his ego could not accept defeat in a fair and secure election.

Without the constant hammering on the false claims of a "stolen election," a lot of anger and hatred could have been prevented. Trump would have had a chance to reclaim the presidency in 2024. But his obsession with presidential power prompted him to use many different tactics to try to overthrow the election. If he truly believes in the God he claims to, he would observe one of the Ten Commandments

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that tells us not to lie. If he was able to do that, his own life would now be much better and the health of our nation would be greatly better. But due to his reliance on lies and inciting the Capitol riot, he is leaving the White House in disgrace.

If Trump was able to humble himself, to admit that he lied to us, and to ask for forgiveness, many of his followers would forgive him. Even a few Democrats would forgive him. That could heal a lot of pain and division and put him in a better position. What is possible is often not probable. Sadly, some of what we hope and pray for is from Fantasy Land.

*Dave Tschoepe, McKinleyville*

Editor:

In last week's editorial, the NCJ stated that the "roots" of the Trumpian insurrection of Jan. 6 "stretch back to birtherism and disinformation, if not much further." With this letter I hope to sketch how deep these "roots" go.

In terms of American history, our roots include white supremacy, property rights and other delusions of self-aggrandizement that stretch back through the 80 years of segregation and other Jim Crow policies against Black Americans and, before that, through 235 years of outright enslavement of Black people.

In terms of global history, we witness quite similar and parallel psycho-political phenomena in our contemporary Trumpian regime and the Hitler and Mussolini fascist movements of the early 20th century. Before that, a 3-millennia long and unbroken line of conquerors, kings, emperors, czars and organized religions insured might made right.

Even this cursory sketch begs the question: What explains the global appeal and durability of despotic one-man rule?

The answer lies in the characterological aspects male and female humans develop within repressive and controlling environments, such as abusive parents, punishing schools, inhumane prisons, reactionary regimes, patriarchy.

Since Freud, psychoanalysis has revealed that might making right on any scale, in any uniform, generates neuroses and many other psycho-zone pathologies. Megalomania, narcissism and sadism are characterological facets common to and manifest among authoritarian control-freaks such as

## Night Poems

This is Old Mexico, land of rattle-snakes.  
Drifting high in the night sky,  
An airplane's light illuminates the clouds.  
The darkness is more easily seen with light.

On the low hillsides, the city sighs.  
Palm trees hover ridiculously and majestically.  
Birds of Paradise guard the sidewalks  
Amidst disembodied laughter.

A stranger in their neighborhood,  
I am eyed suspiciously by after-dinner dog-walkers.  
I am casing the night for poems  
To break into my heart.

— Fhyre Phoenix

Mussolini, Hitler and Trump.

Their inundating bellicosity and fetishized masculinity appeal to certain demographics because those demographics are — whether they know it or not — familiar with abuse, familiar enough, in transactional terms, to be comfortable with the abusers in charge.

*Alex Ricca, Blue Lake*

Editor:

I disagree with the authors that Trump isn't the cause of current "lies and disinformation" because birtherism and death panels preceded him. But, these are still Trump — the early days. In NYC he got used to being a celebrity due to lambasting the Central Park 5, his TV show and his splashy real estate deals. He increased his megaphone and had fun challenging Obama's U.S. birth and the legitimacy of the Affordable Care Act. He luxuriated in the attention and, like other New Yorkers, put the show on the road nationally. But, he peaked too soon and we saw the grift. This was all Trump and now he can join his fellows in Florida. Fore.

*Susan Franke, McKinleyville*

## Unforgivable

Editor:

On Jan. 12, Lisa Montgomery was executed on Trump's order. She had a life of unrelenting hell, of sexual and physical abuse from early childhood on. Her mother gave her to men to do what they pleased. She was forced to marry a half brother who forced her to have a hysterectomy. The only way she could survive her life was to shield herself with insanity. She strangled a pregnant woman and cut her baby out of her and took the baby. The baby was taken away and she was put in prison and was sentenced to die. She should have been put in a mental hospi-

tal. She had to be transferred to a men's prison to be killed. She could not tolerate being in a room with a man, she would go crazy and the prison had nothing but men.

A court ruled that she was incapable of understanding she was to be executed, but Trump pushed it to his U.S. Supreme Court and it ruled she was to die. Her death was as horrible as her life as she died surrounded by men. A long time ago I saw a bumper sticker that said something like, "We kill people so we will learn not to kill." I will never forget or forgive this execution and can only hope there will be an end to executions forever.

*Sylvia De Rooy, Indianola*

## Where are the Vaccines?

Editor:

Now that the state has issued guidance that all people over 65 should be able to receive their vaccination, I fail to understand why Humboldt County is not following this guidance. We are not advocating for local control as far as the tier system goes and I have seen the importance of a unified response touted in the media availabilities, so why should we deviate from this stance now?

We need mass vaccination sites set up. We need our major healthcare systems, Open Door and St. Joeseph, contacting eligible patients and setting up appointments. If we do not have the resources we need, we should be in contact with the state and not resting until the things we need are in place. This is not a time to be "inviting" people to set up their appointments it is a time for making sure that our most vulnerable are protected. Healthcare workers have had weeks, nearly a month, to get that set up. It is time to follow the guidance of our state officials.

West Virginia, one of the poorest and most rural states in our country, has had a huge success in getting over 70 percent of available vaccines distributed and the other 30 percent are allocated to those in need. I believe that if they can do it, so can we. I believe that Public Health needs to be more transparent with the public as to why we are not following the state and federal guidance on this matter. I believe that if we have the resources and ability to get our healthcare workers vaccinated, we can also get our elders vaccinated. This is not a time for excuses. This is a time for action before our hospitals become overwhelmed and we lose even more of our loved ones.

*Anna Tupper Eureka*

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Editor:

Schools being closed has been and is a disaster of immense proportions. To think that grade schoolers, or most high schoolers for that matter, can come up with the equipment, the quiet space and the discipline to attend online classes is just laughable, or would be if it weren't so sad. Besides that, school serves an important societal function beyond academics, teaching youngsters how to be citizens, freeing the parents to work, etc.

When I read the state's vaccine priority list last week, teachers were in the second slot, sort of, making my letter unnecessary. But this week's version doesn't even mention them, so here is my simplified priority list for administering the vaccine:

1) Front line health care workers, people who deal with patients.

2) Front line elementary and high school teachers and support staff. *Get this done and open schools next month.* Then likewise with vocational schools and colleges.

3) Everyone else. Personally, I would start with people who serve the public, grocery store and hardware store clerks for instance, then fan out from there.

People who refuse to get the vaccine? People who want to exercise their "rights," the right to be infected and to infect others? I ask them what is the very first word of the Constitution?

David Callow, Glendale

## That Tobacco Ad

Editor:

It is alarming to see a full-page ad for tobacco in the *North Coast Journal* (Jan. 14). This shows us that the *Journal* may be in financial trouble, and big tobacco companies see the *Journal* and our entire community as a prime target for marketing their addictive and deadly products.

The proof is in the data; vulnerable communities of color, low income and rural areas suffer higher rates of tobacco-related illness and death as a result of tobacco marketing and promotion. I think we can do better, don't you?

Unfortunately, one can easily imagine Eureka and other towns in Humboldt degrading to a town with a tobacco store on every corner, where it is easier to find fruit-flavored tobacco than fresh fruit.

Desperate times call for desperate measures, perhaps, but we must object to the *North Coast Journal's* submission to big tobacco. As a community, will we also submit to the merchants of death?

Jay McCubbrey, Eureka

Editor:

Has the *NCJ* finally gone off the rails

or what? I was totally shocked to open the Jan. 14 issue and see a full page Lucky Strike ad! What the hell — is that even legal!? Times must really be tough for the *NCJ* to stoop to advertising tobacco. I know there's lots of marijuana ads but at least it's local and doesn't appear to be as physically destructive as tobacco. I think the *NCJ* owes its loyal readership an explanation for this disgusting advertisement.

Martin Smukler, McKinleyville

Editor:

I was really surprised when I opened this week's *North Coast Journal* and saw a full page ad for Lucky Strike cigarettes. We're in the middle of a lung-ravaging pandemic just after one of the worst fire seasons in our history. Breathing outside was so dangerous that many of us couldn't leave our homes. And now the *NCJ* is encouraging readers to smoke more cigarettes?

If you talk to smokers, eight out of 10 are trying to quit. Especially when they find out that smoking depresses their immune systems so doubles their chances of catching COVID-19, and then doubles their chances of having a much worse case.

I truly sympathize. It can't be easy to raise ad revenue during a pandemic. But aren't there limits? Would you accept ads from assault weapon dealers, oil and gas industry climate-change deniers or other similarly-destructive products or ideas? Cigarette smoking is responsible for more than 480,000 deaths a year in the U.S., including deaths from secondhand smoke.

As the saying goes, cigarettes are one of the few legal products that, when used as directed by the manufacturer, will kill you. The tobacco industry needs to normalize the selling of their deadly products and one way they can accomplish that is to associate themselves with reputable, highly-regarded, community-based businesses like the *North Coast Journal*. Please don't sell out to them. It's not worth it.

I've been meaning to subscribe to the *NCJ* for awhile and I got my pandemic stimulus payment card in the mail last week. I'll use \$39 of it to subscribe to the *North Coast Journal*. I hope that will help.

Lin Glen, Blue Lake

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# A 'Selfless' Life Cut Short

Esteban Gonzalez's unlikely journey into the hearts of Arcata

By Thadeus Greenson

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**E**steban Gonzalez, an Arcata restaurant owner beloved by many, known in equal parts for his tireless work ethic, his good food and willingness to offer a hand up to anyone who needed it, died Jan. 12 of pneumonia. He was 55.

Amid an outpouring of support in the wake of his death, Gonzalez is being hailed in social media posts as a "local legend" and a "pillar" of the Arcata community, remembered as a ray of positivity who smiled easily and was quick to share what he had, whether it be a piece of wisdom or a burrito. Arcata Main Street set up a GoFundMe page Jan. 17 with the goal of raising \$1,000 to benefit Gonzalez's family. When this edition of the *Journal* went to press two days later, the page had collected more than \$24,000, with donations continuing to pour in.

The *Mad River Union* reported Gonzalez's death stemmed from complications related to COVID-19, though the *Journal* was unable to independently confirm that reporting.

That Gonzalez's life saw him become a community fixture in Arcata is a testament to the power of a dream, having the courage to chase it relentlessly and what can be accomplished when hard work becomes a daily ritual.

Born one of five siblings in Mexico City, Gonzalez's father died when he was 7 years old and he and his family grew up in poverty. He never attended school, "not even kindergarten," he told the *Journal* in 2016, but his mom used to make him help cook beans and rice for the family, telling him that if he couldn't work or go to school, he needed to contribute somehow. At 11, he said he started walking his neighborhood, knocking on doors and offering to take people's garbage to the dump for a tip.

Newly married with a child at 18, Gonzalez told the *Journal* he realized that if he wanted to help lift his family out of poverty, he'd have to move north. He soon left his family, his mom, grandmother and siblings, and traveled to Tijuana, where he was homeless and worked odd jobs until he saved the \$500 needed to pay a coyote to sneak across the border so he could get to Fortuna, where his uncle

lived. Once Gonzalez saved enough to buy a car — a ratty old Volkswagen — he moved out in the mid-1980s and spent four months living out of his car on the Eel River Bar and bathing in the river while working three jobs. He'd get up in time to milk dairy cows at 3 a.m. before reporting to a local saw mill by 8 a.m. to work a full day, after which he'd wash dishes at a local restaurant until 10 p.m. or later.

Eventually, he saved up enough money to buy a home and, after becoming a U.S. citizen in 1993, he sent for his family, moving his daughter, wife and each of his siblings to the United States.

It was a debilitating back injury that led Gonzalez to change careers, putting \$1,500 down for a \$50,000 taco truck. He spent weeks calling his mom back in Mexico to learn her recipes handed down through generations of his family. He listened as she walked him through how to make pastor, mole and chile rellenos. After about six months of barely breaking even, his business clicked. Over time it expanded to two trucks and, in 2013, a small restaurant on Arcata's I Street that went by La Chiquita for awhile before changing its name to Esteban's, which is how most knew it anyway, as he was always there, darting between the kitchen and the register, seemingly always with a smile on his face.

In 2016, he told the *Journal* he arrived daily by 6 a.m. to start cooking and often didn't leave until 10 p.m., after the kitchen had been cleaned and the next day's food prepped.

Over the years, Esteban's developed a fiercely loyal following, devoted as much to Gonzalez's friendly face and positive attitude as to his mammoth burritos, which came stuffed with a unique blend of whole and refried beans wrapped in a spongy, homemade flour tortilla. Esteban's — as well as Gonzalez's trucks — became a favorite of college and high school students, who were looking to fill their stomachs on a budget and found themselves drawn to Gonzalez's adoration of kids and young people.

"To my HSU friends, y'all know how much he supported us," one longtime customer wrote on Facebook after learning of

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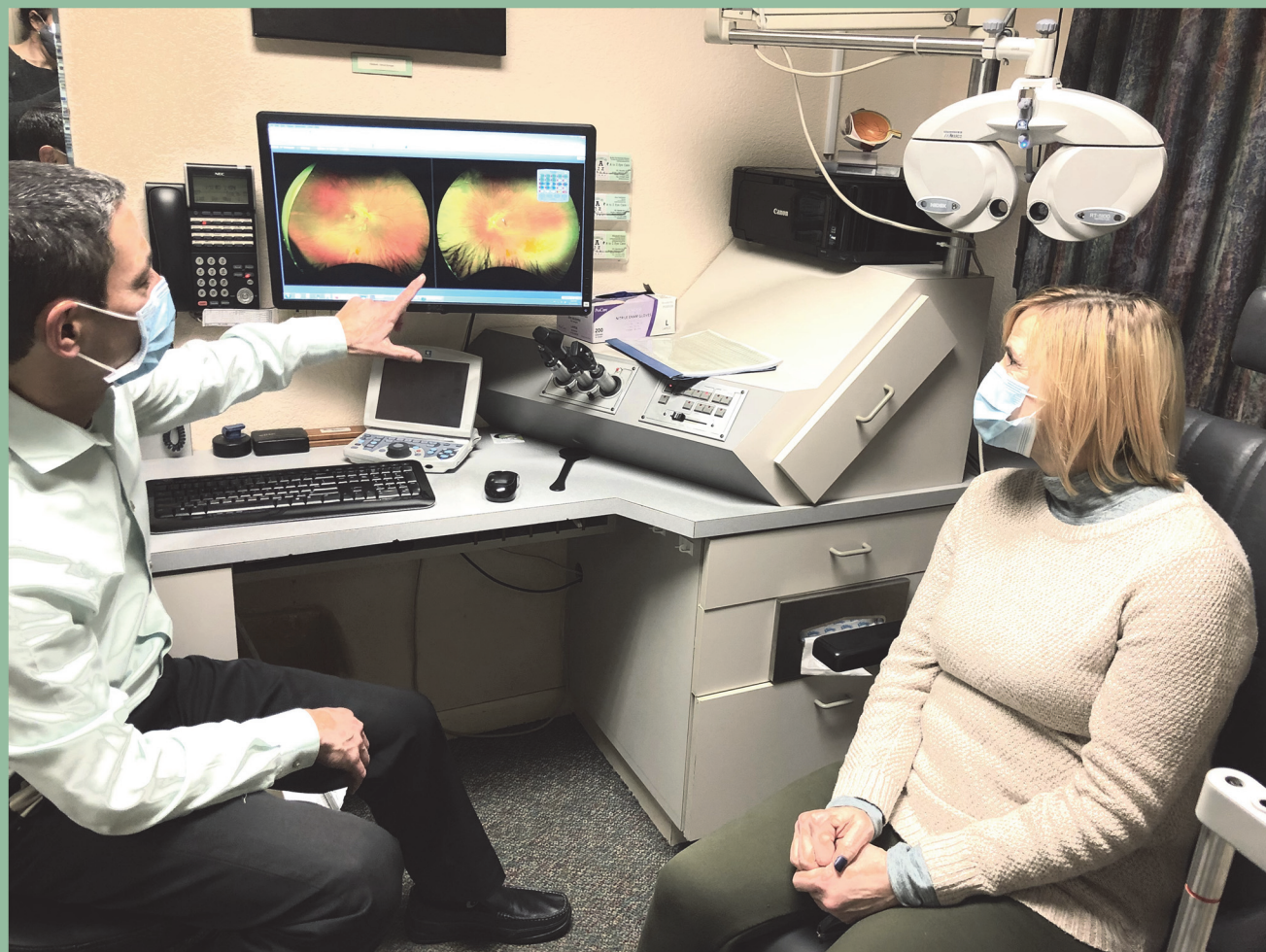


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Gonzalez's death, echoing the sentiments of many that Gonzalez never turned a hungry student away, even if they were a dollar or two short, and seemed to take a vested pride in seeing his fellow Latinx community members getting a college education. "RIP Esteban. 'Si se puede.'"

William Brooke says he met Gonzalez 16 years ago when he was a 14 year old with an unstable home life drawn to taco trucks for a cheap meal.

"Things went downhill and I was homeless for a while," Brooke recalls in a phone interview with the *Journal*. "He would feed me when I couldn't afford anything. Every time he saw me panhandling, he'd give me some money or give me some food."

Sometimes, Brooke says he'd show up drunk at Gonzalez's truck and Gonzalez would give him a burrito, a cup of coffee and sometimes a place to sleep it off. Then, Brooke says Gonzalez would admonish him to "stop fucking up" with a smile before sending him on his way. After Brooke called Gonzalez's truck once to see if it was open, he says Gonzalez took down his number and would use it to call from time to time to check in.

"He was a voice of reason in my life," Brooke says. "He was super friendly and always wanted better for me, which was awesome because I didn't have much of a father figure growing up."

When Brooke told Gonzalez he'd gotten into college in Sacramento, he says Gonzalez was "hyped" and would continue to call him from time to time to check in while he was there.

When Brooke, who now runs an aerial mechanic shop, moved back to town, settled down and had kids, he said he'd bring them by Esteban's to see Gonzalez, who adored them.

On social media, the stories of Gonzalez's impact keep mounting. There's the woman who recalled the time he chased her down the street to return a forgotten purse, the man who talked about how Gonzalez sat him down to share what he'd learned running the restaurant after the man mentioned he was thinking of starting his own small business and the many, many stories of Gonzalez never forgetting a customer's order or always offering free tacos or burritos to celebrate a birthday. Many shared stories about how Gonzalez treated their children, noting the genuine joy he seemed to take in talking to them or helping them practice their Spanish.

Scott Greacen, who says he became a regular customer of Gonzalez's while working at the old Environmental Protection Information Center office in downtown Arcata, recalls going to Esteban's one evening with his son, Owen, while he was still trying to get his feet underneath him



Esteban Gonzalez poses for a picture for the *Journal's* 2016 Best of Humboldt edition.  
File photo.

as a single dad. Gonzalez, who Greacen said always called him "Señor Scott," seemed to understand the moment and radiated kindness and affection.

About six months later, Owen was killed in an accident in New Mexico, leaving Greacen shaken to the core, "just stumbling around" in darkness. When Gonzalez saw him, Greacen says he recognized immediately that something was terribly wrong and stopped to talk to him. After hearing of 10-year-old Owen's death, Greacen says Gonzalez told him the story of how one of his brothers had died in his arms after being fatally stabbed. It was a moment of shared grief and understanding, Greacen says, that somehow left him feeling better.

"There's something about sharing that kind of experience that those of us who have been through can do," he says. "It's truly horrific but as someone who's now on the other side of it to some extent, it's this little gift you can give people to help them understand."

"He didn't have to do any of that," Greacen continues after a pause. "He didn't owe me anything. He was for real."

To many, the linking of Gonzalez's death to COVID-19 is at once tragic and enraging, a reminder of the virus' disproportionate toll on both Latinx people and frontline workers. In Humboldt County, the Latinx community makes up just 12.2 percent of the local population but has accounted for 28 percent of its COVID-19 cases.

"Policy fucking matters because it comes down to what happens to people," Greacen says. "It really pisses me off that he's dead. It's so wrong. It's such a loss to our community and our country to lose someone like him, and to think we have 400,000 stories like that. He was in so many ways the best of us."

While many will remember Gonzalez for the good meals he prepared them, or maybe the time he made headlines for chasing a gun-toting robber out of his store with a kitchen knife (Brooke says Gonzalez had done the same years earlier with a broken Jarritos bottle but to much less fanfare), but Gonzalez's death leaves a huge void for those who held him closest.

"There's so much to say but there are so little words to say it with," Brooke says. "He was just a selfless human being. That's what he was. It's honestly just heartbreaking."

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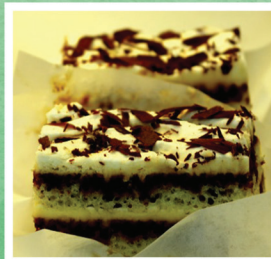
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# Humboldt's COVID-19 Surge Continues

**H**umboldt County Public Health announced Jan. 19 as the *Journal* went to press that it had confirmed 131 new COVID-19 cases over the three-day weekend, bringing the county's total to 2,393 and maintaining the pace for another record-setting month.

The county had confirmed 232 new cases the prior week, which came on the heels of a record 269 the week before, putting the county on pace to surpass the record 863 cases confirmed in December as the local surge continues.

Under state data released Jan. 19, Humboldt County remained in the state's most restrictive purple "widespread" COVID-19 risk tier, which keeps restaurants, gyms, movie theaters and places of worship closed to indoor operations, with a nighttime stay-at-home order in effect daily from 10 p.m. to 5 p.m. But cumulative available hospital intensive care unit capacity in the state's Northern California Region, which had dipped perilously close to the state's 15-percent threshold that

would trigger a host of added restrictions, had improved as the *Journal* went to press, with the state reporting an available capacity of more than 30 percent.

To date, Humboldt County has confirmed 2,393 cases, with 81 hospitalizations and 24 confirmed COVID-19 related deaths. Twelve Humboldt County residents are currently hospitalized, according to the county's dashboard, including four under intensive care.

The county dashboard lists 1,868 people as having "recovered" from the virus locally, though that just means they are no longer contagious and does not account for long-term health impacts, which local healthcare workers have told the *Journal* can be substantial, even in previously health patients.

Earlier this month, the state issued a health order that halted all elective surgeries to make more room for intensive care unit capacity in regions where hospital ICU capacity is at 0 percent. Those hospitals also now have the ability to transfer patients in and out of other regions, includ-

## Rescue



The U.S. Coast Guard rescued three people from a distressed fishing boat near Patrick's Point State Park north of Trinidad on Jan. 17. POSTED 01.17.21

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ing the Northern California region.

The order doesn't currently affect Humboldt County but could soon.

The state also issued an updated travel advisory strongly discouraging all non-essential travel and urging anyone returning from non essential, out-of-state travel needs to self-quarantine for a minimum of 10 days upon their return.

Nationwide, 23.7 million people have been confirmed to have the virus — in-

cluding 213,145 cases confirmed Jan. 18 — with 394,495 deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control. In California, 3 million residents have been confirmed to have the virus — including 30,699 on Jan. 18 — with 33,593 COVID-related deaths, according to the California Department of Public Health.

— Kimberly Wear

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**Dine Local:** The Chose Humboldt Coalition kicked off its Restaurant month last week with a giveaway meant to boost sales at locally owned restaurants. Diners are invited to post photos of their meals, whether takeout or at outdoor dining setups, with the hashtags #dineouthumboldt and #choosehumboldt for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. POSTED 01.18.21

**Dining in the Purple:** Humboldt County's Jan. 12 move back into California's purple "widespread" COVID-19 risk tier brought a host of changes, shuttering all indoor dining and allowing outdoor seating only where tables are kept 6 feet apart. Read a full rundown of the new regulations — as well as a few pro tips (hint, tip well!) — at [www.northcoastjournal.com](http://www.northcoastjournal.com) POSTED 01.13.21

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### Digitally Speaking

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### They Said It

"As tensions continue to run high, we retain our faith in our democratic system of government. Our faith abides in the voters, election officers and governors (Republican as well as Democrat), who certified election results in every state."

— The Humboldt County Republican Central Committee and the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee in a joint statement released in the wake of the deadly Jan. 6 insurrection in the U.S. Capitol. POSTED 01.14.21

### Comment of the Week

"Far less than she deserves. We all owe her a debt of gratitude — and many owe her sincere apology."

— Joseph Andrew on the *Journal's* Facebook page commenting on a post about former Humboldt County Health officer Teresa Frankovich receiving a Humboldt-Del Norte Medical Society "Outstanding Contribution" award for her work on the local COVID-19 response. POSTED 01.16.21



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## The steep climb ahead to get a COVID-19 vaccine into the arms of tens of thousands of Humboldt County residents

By Thadeus Greenson

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If mass vaccination is the road that will ultimately lead Humboldt County and the nation out of the COVID-19 pandemic, it's proving a bit bumpy, with a series of blind turns that seemingly just keep coming.

There were glimmers of hope in a Jan. 14 press conference — one of just a handful held since the county was put under a shelter-in-place order last March — when Health Officer Ian Hoffman announced Humboldt had offered a vaccine to all local healthcare workers and would be moving in the coming days to vaccinate residents aged 75 and older. Further, Hoffman said he expected vaccine shipments from the state to potentially double in the coming weeks.

But the remarks of Hoffman and Public Health Director Michele Stephens also made clear a long road likely lies ahead and the county faces both internal and external challenges in vaccinating the 70 to 85 percent of the local population that health experts say is necessary to bring the virus' spread under control and adequately protect vulnerable populations.

Underscoring the challenges are the raw numbers. At the press conference, held a month to the day after Humboldt County administered its first vaccination dose to much fanfare, Hoffman said approximately 7,300 doses had been administered to local healthcare workers, widely considered the easiest demographic to vaccinate because they are easy to identify and most can receive it in their workplaces. Meanwhile, the next phase will include 10,000 local residents ages 75 and older, who will have to

coordinate vaccination with their primary care physicians or, if they don't have one, Public Health. The task gets logistically more daunting from there, moving into the age 65 to 74 demographic, which includes 16,000 residents, or groupings by employment sector.

Pressed as to why Humboldt County was not opening vaccinations to everyone over the age of 64, or to teachers, Hoffman said it simply comes down to supply.

"There currently is not enough vaccine," Hoffman said, adding that's not for a lack of effort. "This is happening in every single county, in every single jurisdiction across the country. ... We took what we were offered. We've accepted everything we've been offered. We've never declined vaccine, and we are allocating it out with our healthcare partners to give in the order that was laid out in the phases and tiers. When we have enough vaccine to move on in the phases and tiers, we will absolutely do that."

The extent to which much of this is out of local hands would come further into focus in the days following the press conference.

Both of the vaccines approved to date — one by Pfizer and one by Moderna — require two doses administered several weeks apart to achieve full immunity. Early last week, the federal government directed states not to hold second doses in reserve but to administer all they had, raising hopes a windfall of doses that had been in storage would be released. But several days later, the *Washington Post* and other news outlets reported that the federal gov-



ernment had already effectively emptied its reserve of second doses and no such windfall was coming. As the *Journal* went to press Jan. 19, it was unclear if Hoffman's estimates at the press conference that Humboldt would soon go from receiving 1,000 to 2,000 doses a week to potentially 3,000 to 4,000 were based on the state's expectation that federal allocations would increase.

But that news would pale in comparison to the state announcing Jan. 17 that a cluster of people in San Diego had suffered adverse allergic reactions after receiving shots from a single batch of Moderna vaccine, prompting the state to ask counties not to administer doses from that batch until investigations could be completed. Humboldt County then announced that roughly 90 percent of its approximately 3,900 doses on hand were from that batch, leaving appointments for more than 3,000 residents at vaccine clinics planned for the following week uncertain.

**While news of** Pfizer and Moderna's vaccines — both of which clinical trials showed to be highly effective and safe — was met with great hope and fanfare locally, a perceived slow rollout has led to frustration in some quarters, particularly among those who are statistically more vulnerable to suffering critical outcomes from the disease and are hungry for some sense of safety.

But there's no escaping the fact that vaccine distribution on the scale required to inoculate at least 70 percent of Humboldt County's population over the age of 16 — roughly 110,000 people — is a heavy lift for a rural healthcare system already stretched from 10 months of pandemic response. And to date, it's being done with very little federal or state support.

Early on, Hoffman said, the state offered some trainings on how to do mass vaccination clinics and work with local healthcare partners but the resources that would really speed the effort — namely funding and workforce reinforcements — have so far not materialized from the state or federal governments. The hope, however, is that will change as efforts ramp up and the vaccine becomes more widely available.

"We will get state resources to help administer as this gets bigger and bigger," Stephens said.

Hoffman then jumped in to underscore the challenge ahead.

"Just to put into scope what needs to happen, though, at some point to hit the goal of getting everyone who wants to get vaccinated vaccinated by late summer,

we'd really need to be giving out 8,000 doses a week — first and second doses — so you can see the scale of that is extraordinarily large," he said. "And to do that, we will need to leverage every single aspect of our healthcare system to make it happen, including all of our partners, Public Health and state, as well as national, resources."

The first phase of vaccine administration focused on healthcare workers, which was both essential to keeping frontline caregivers healthy amid increased COVID-19 exposure but also logistically the low hanging fruit. The vast majority of these

people worked in settings where someone was qualified to give the vaccine, so Public Health could coordinate deliveries and essentially let organizations handle vaccinating their own, while also setting up a small clinic of for healthcare providers who, for whatever reason, couldn't get the vaccine at their place of work.

Now that the vaccine is being made available to local residents over the age of 75, Public Health is leveraging the fact that most residents in that demographic have a primary care provider to help coordinate vaccinations. Hoffman said he's instructed local providers to contact their over-75 patients, preferably prioritized based on underlying conditions and other risk factors, to schedule vaccinations. Those who don't have a primary health provider are asked to contact Public Health to schedule a vaccine at one of its clinics, which can currently administer about 750 doses of vaccine a week.

But a looming challenge is that when the vaccine is made available to younger residents, an increasing percentage will not have a primary care provider or a medical home, meaning other providers will have to step in to inoculate patients who are not their own or Public Health will have

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to pick up the slack. Hoffman said Public Health is quickly ramping up capacity, hoping to accommodate as many as 1,750 weekly appointments as soon as this week.

And when vaccinations are opened up to people by employment sector — teachers, firefighters, police officers, grocery store employees and agricultural workers are slated to be vaccinated later in this phase — that will bring another host of logistical challenges. Hoffman said the county has sent surveys out to school districts and other large employers to gather information needed to prepare for this next phase, but there's still a lot of uncertainty about how members of the general public will be identified by tier priority and vaccinated.

The fact that all of this is happening during a highly contagious pandemic also obviously complicates factors, as the need for physical distancing makes simply lining up hundreds of people or filling an auditorium with folks waiting to be vaccinated impractical. Some other jurisdictions have turned to converting stadium parking lots into drive-through vaccination clinics, but Stephens said nothing like that is being planned locally at this point, noting

providers are required to monitor patients for 15 minutes after they receive the vaccine to make sure they don't have severe adverse reactions.

"There's a clinical piece to this we have to be mindful of," Stephens said.

**While the county** waits anxiously for vaccine deliveries to ramp up, local healthcare providers are working to build out and coordinate the infrastructure needed to dramatically increase local capacity to put shots in arms.

St. Joseph Health spokesperson Christian Hill said St. Joseph Hospital has agreed to make its large conference rooms available to St. Joseph Medical Group for clinics to inoculate the group's primary care patients, while Redwood Memorial Hospital is planning to similarly host clinics in the near future. Mad River Community Hospital is also planning to accommodate for its clinics primary care patients. But



Mad River Community Hospital Occupational Health Supervisor Yolanda Stevens receives the very first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine administered in Humboldt County from Critical Care Services Nurse Manager Tina Wood on Dec. 14. Submitted.

these large-scale vaccine efforts need to be carried out in addition to the hospitals and clinics day-to-day operations, which poses significant staffing challenges in an area in which nurses and healthcare workers were in high demand before the pandemic. And arguably nobody faces a larger challenge than Open Door Community Health Centers, by far the largest provider of primary care in the county.

Open Door CEO Tory Starr said the organization is currently trying to assess how it can continue treating patients while

also administering tens of thousands of vaccines in the coming months.

"It's definitely a lift," he said. "We need to think about the workforce, about expanding our workforce, by pulling in people who are retired healthcare professionals or in the nursing school at (College of the Redwoods)."

"It's a great opportunity for people to get really good at giving shots," he added with a chuckle.

But Starr said the organization is still working to calculate how many injections it can do in an hour, noting the 15-minute monitoring period and need to follow COVID-19 distancing protocols, as well as the workforce needed to do that, mindful of the fact there will inevitably be workforce disruptions, like quarantines due to COVID-19 exposure or illness. Ultimately, he said, he expects Open Door at some point will operate parking lot clinics in

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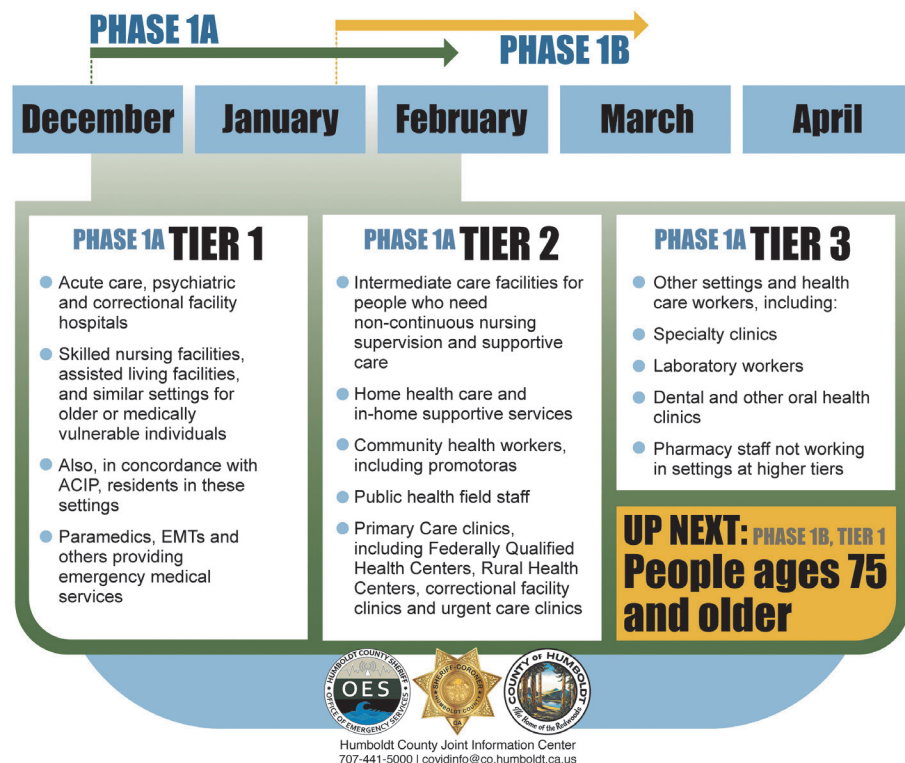
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# HUMBOLDT COUNTY VACCINATION TIMELINE

Timeline subject to change based on the number of individuals who want to be vaccinated and the quantity of vaccine allocated by the state.

The California Department of Public Health has not yet published guidelines for Phase 1B. Phase 1B will include people ages 75 years and older and some additional frontline workers.



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"It's a heavy lift but we're up to the task," Starr said. "But it won't go as quickly as everyone would like."

While there is currently no plan in place to reimburse healthcare providers for this mass vaccination effort, Starr said he's confident that it will come together.

"The county has been great but the reimbursement is certainly a state or federal issue," Starr said, adding that while Open Door will do what the community needs now and worry about reimbursement later, that's an important component to keeping the system financially solvent.

Starr said he's hopeful more help is coming. "I have great belief that with the change of (presidential) administration, we'll have a much more unified and coordinated approach to doing all this, which will make a big difference."

**There is understandably** a lot of hope tied up in these new vaccines that health officials and scientists consider nothing short of a medical miracle based on their efficacy and the speed at which they were produced and approved. But it's becoming increasingly clear they are not a bullet train that will speedily pull Humboldt County out of this pandemic.

During the press conference, Hoffman stressed the vaccine is only a means of "individual protection" at this point.

"When an individual gets the vaccine, they are protecting themselves from COVID-19, severe disease, hospitalization and death," he said. "We do not have sufficient evidence yet to say that the vaccine will prevent the spread."

At this point, Hoffman said, nothing is going to change about the health measures in place to prevent spread of the virus, meaning masking, physical distancing and avoiding gatherings with people outside one's household will remain imperatives for the foreseeable future. The return to normalcy so many crave could still lie many months in the future.

"When we have enough evidence that this vaccine will reduce case counts and we see that reflected in the epidemiological data, I think we'll start to roll back (restrictions) as we're comfortable," Hoffman said. "When that is a really difficult thing. You know, I think if we're complete optimists, it could be sometime later this year. Some people have said into next year. Some people think we might be wearing masks for the next several winter seasons." ●

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## NCJ ON THE TABLE

# Small and Scrappy

## La Trattoria and A Taste of Bim stay afloat

By Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

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**O**n Thursday afternoon, after a morning spent prepping and cooking, Patricia Cambianica is writing the week's menu out on the chalkboard. In the past, diners at Arcata's La Trattoria would crane their necks from their tables to choose but these days a snapshot of the offerings — shitake risotto, chicken and polenta, chocolate cake with pumpkin cream cheese filling — will go up on Instagram and Facebook. Her husband, Jim Becker, who normally assists with prep, works the books and front of house, takes the orders and, with the help of their sole employee Beverly Matthews, will stage the dinners and move them out the door to customers picking up curbside between 5 and 7:30 p.m. Then they'll shut the doors, make dinner for themselves, clean up and go home.

Even for a small operation like La Trattoria, it's a lean crew. But it's keeping the popular Italian restaurant, its staff of three and its customers as safe as they feel they can manage. Such stripped-down operations are also keeping them and the similarly scaled-down, family-run Taste of Bim in Eureka in the black under the toughest conditions the restaurant industry has seen.

"Our first year, we were not making a whole lot," says Becker, adding he and Cambianica are used to investing in quality of ingredients and getting by "on very little" staffing. "It's been kind of a dance to make a living even with table service. ... Our sweat equity is our whole prep we do during the day," he says, noting Cambianica is the sole set of hands in the kitchen once the cooking starts and they couldn't afford to pay someone else with their skill sets. He gives a low laugh and says as an owner-operator, "You don't really want to add up what you make an hour ... We both really enjoy what we do."

In March, what they do had to adapt to COVID-19 and shelter in place. La Trattoria, with its roughly 20-by-20-foot dining

room, seemed to Becker and Cambianica neither safe nor cost effective for dine-in service, whether at 50 or 25 percent capacity. After a trial run allowing masked patrons to come inside for takeout, they decided to move to curbside pick-up, and have stuck with it since. "We wanted our customers to really have confidence in the safety," says Becker, who has concerns about his own blood pressure and his wife's asthma issues, and has kept outings to riding with a cycling buddy and shopping for ingredients. They've picked up takeout but, he says, "I haven't stepped inside a food establishment since March."

So far, despite a reduction in sales, the couple is making ends meet serving a loyal base of customers, even without having applied for a Payroll Protection Plan loan. COVID-19 has, however, meant putting off moving into the Victorian house they bought on Seventh and L streets near the Creamery District. The renovation — taking the house down to studs and installing a commercial kitchen — is going to take more time and money than is practical right now.

Becker says they're making the best of it. "I've waited table for almost 20 years, and this has been kind of a break for me." And they're grateful for their customers and good fortune as they watch others in their business struggle to pay rent and cope with changing dining rules and shut-downs due to staff testing positive.

If La Trattoria is a lean machine, Gaby Long's A Taste of Bim is a skeleton crew — just her and her mother prepping, cooking and handling curbside pick-up Tuesdays through Sundays. The two, who live together, come in early to prep and turn out takeout orders of comforting goat curry, Caribbean-spiced fish tacos, jerk wings and ginger-glazed salmon from 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.







A Taste of Bim owner Gaby Long runs the Caribbean restaurant as a two-woman operation with her mother. *Photo by Mark McKenna*

In the heyday of Arts Alive! nights, A Taste of Bim ran with two or three people working in the kitchen and another three serving up front. The maximum seating is 45 but the spacing required for 25 to 50 percent capacity would only allow a couple tables. And while there's a cheerful parklet outside, "The winter weather [in] Humboldt doesn't help," says Long. Indoor and outdoor dining aren't much more predictable, so she keeps it simple and sticks to curbside.

When lockdown first hit in March, "It was rough," she says with a rueful laugh. "It was pretty-pretty scary. ... That was the point where you didn't know what you would get the virus from." Gradually she saw customers getting more comfortable eating out. "I think it was a month or so later, Six Rivers [Brewery] invited us to come up and make up the loss of our income up there." The bright yellow Bim truck Long had used for festivals and Friday Night Market nights for the previous two years took up temporary residence in the brewery parking lot through most of September. While the truck may have increased traffic a little, "I think it was more of the banding together, we both are part of the SBDC," and had crossed paths at festivals. "And they love they chicken curry, so..."

Keeping to the truck and curbside service have allowed Long and her mother to maintain their COVID bubble, too. "Honestly the only time she leaves the house is to come here," Long says of her mother, who she says has "been a trooper," despite

not liking staying home per earlier recommendations for older people. As a woman who's always worked, "She didn't like that," Long says, chuckling a little. Long herself sticks to grocery runs, the occasional drive and time outdoors, happy not to be stuck in a city without those options.

After more than five years in Old Town, Long is used to slow January business and is just happy to pay the bills and her rent, and pick up the occasional new customer. "We're not suffering but it's not what it used to be," she says. "You kinda hold your breath still." Like La Trattoria, she didn't apply for a PPP loan, either, though she is looking at the rent relief program the city of Eureka is offering. Beyond that, she's in a holding pattern.

A Taste of Bim was invited to bring its truck to an event but she wasn't ready to commit. "It's kinda hard to make plans, especially with the different tiers ... maybe the spring." Giving some consideration to closing to do pre-orders for the Superbowl and Valentine's Day — both solid moneymakers in the past — are about as far ahead as Long is looking. "You just do the best you can do and keep positive because you look around the world and it can be a bit discouraging."

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## NCJ TROPHY CASE

# Pitchers — Past and Future

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**R**ecently I spoke with the best pitcher in baseball, this year's American League Cy Young award winner Shane Bieber, who was in town visiting his girlfriend's family. He is a nice-looking kid but blends in without an overpowering look. As a college walk-on, he just kept getting better and produced an extensive repertoire of great pitches. Chatting with him made me think about pitchers and why it is such a special position, especially in local lore.

I made my foray into organized baseball late when I was 12 years old. The Fortuna Little League Association accepted two Ferndale teams to join their league. I was drafted by the Red Sox and in our first game against the Fortuna Yankees we faced a pitcher we had all heard about, a big lefthander. Batting leadoff, my coach wanted me to drag bunt to get on and run.

The ball came off his left-hand straight at my head. I hit the dirt, got up and heard the ump call, "STEEERIKE!" I threw my cap on the ground in mutiny and looked over at Coach Griggs. He shook his head and yelled back, "It was a strike." I was terrified the next time I came to the plate.

The Yankees pitcher I faced in Little League was Randy Neimann, who progressed to the major leagues out of Fortuna High School and College of the Redwoods. He had a long career with the White Sox, Astros, Pirates and Mets, mostly as a relief pitcher, and stayed on as the bullpen coach for the Mets.

Gary Wilson played for Arcata High School and CR in the 1990s, and pitched in the minor leagues for years before a successful short stint in the major leagues with the Pittsburgh Pirates. He stayed in baseball as a scout. Greg Shanahan, out of St. Bernard's Academy, pitched for the Dodgers for a couple of years in the 1960s, also mostly in relief. Both Shanahan and Neimann have World Series rings, though neither were activated during the series.

It has been said that the best of them all was Billy Olsen, who went straight from Eureka High School as the flame-throwing star of the Humboldt Crabs in the 1960s. When he was 18, he got drafted by the Yankees and lost his major league career due to injuries.

The most famous of the Humboldt County professional pitchers was a century ago. Joe Oeschger came from Ferndale and went to St. Mary's to pitch and earn a teaching credential. He pitched from 1914-1925 for the

Philadelphia Phillies, the New York Giants and the Boston Braves in the days when clubs only carried one or two pitchers. He is best known for dueling Leon Cadore of the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1920 for what's still the longest game in major league history, lasting 26 innings and called for darkness in a 1-1 tie. Oeschger only gave up nine hits in 26 innings that night. He finished his career with 545 strikeouts and was only the fifth pitcher in history to serve an immaculate inning of just nine pitches for three strikeouts. He later became an educator in the Bay Area before moving back to Oeschger Lane in Ferndale in his twilight years.

But just maybe the best is yet to come, maybe very soon. Last year, as the high school season was beginning, locals were anticipating a pitching match-up between sophomore Nick Dugan of St. Bernard's Academy and senior Merek Sears from Arcata High School. The season ended suddenly due to COVID-19.

Both athletes have the perfect physical abilities and temperament. Sears, after leading AHS to the sectional title his junior season and some legion ball, is off to Washington State University as a scholarship student and athlete.

Dugan was a freshman phenom with 63 strikeouts in 30 innings of work in his first high school season. The 14 year old moved straight up into the Legion 19 and Under Summer League and struck out 17 batters in one game. He started to receive national looks and early offers from many Division 1 colleges.

Since the seasons were on hold, Dugan started attending baseball showcases with the support of his parents, his coach Matt Tomlin and his pitching coach, the aforementioned Shanahan. His pitching speed went from 85 miles per hour to a top



Joe Oeschger's 1922 Boston Nationals baseball card. *Wikimedia Commons*

speed of 95 mph as he grew and matured this past year, faster than many professionals.

At a showcase event in Florida for top underclassmen recruits in October, Dugan threw a seven-inning complete game one-hitter for

Pac 12 recruits against SEC league underclass recruits from around the nation. He struck out 12 and walked two, lifting his exposure and status. The 6-foot-1-inch, 190-pound Dugan has become the No. 1 overall 11th grade prospect in California, according to Perfect Profile/Perfect Game USA, the largest scouting organization in the nation. He is also deemed the No. 2 right-handed underclass pitcher nationally as well as the No. 10 overall underclass prospect in the U.S.

Dugan has committed to Stanford University but he could go pro as soon as he graduates in 2022, as he should be a top draft pick. I expect the talent pool of athletes will drop off this year due to the lack of competition and intensity from COVID-19 restrictions. To see Dugan perform locally this year, we must be in the state's red "substantial" risk tier for COVID-19. Our county just regressed back up to the purple "widespread" risk tier. We shall see.

It is remarkable that in these times we have athletes whose parents and coaches give them the time and opportunity to grow, and athletes themselves who will not give up. The percentage of kids who make it to the professional level is miniscule but with work ethic, skill and support there is a chance. Perfect Profile referred to Dugan's seven-inning game as "legendary." Cheers to this next generation of future legends working through these tough times. Cheers as well to all in the younger generation who continue to learn and survive one day at a time in all walks of academics and life regardless of background and support. Salut.

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# Rivers Are Prime but Steelhead are Lacking

By Kenny Priest

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Eight-year-old Bryson Blevin, along with dad Tyler, are all smiles after the young angler landed his first-ever steelhead while fishing the Mad River on Saturday.

Photo courtesy of Ashley Christie

Last week's storms finally provided some of the flushing and scouring our coastal rivers desperately needed. As they've all now dropped back into fishable shape, the question has become, "Where are the fish?" Other than the Chetco, which is dealing with some slides, all the coastal rivers are some shade of green and fishable. There just seems to be a lack of steelhead in all the rivers. But before we hit the panic button, we went through this same scenario last year. For reasons unknown, the fish were late to show last year as well. By the time February rolled around, all the rivers were full of steelhead. Let's hope for the same this year.

## Weather outlook

According to Kathleen Zontos of Eureka's National Weather Service, our next chance for rain will be Thursday and Friday. "It will be wet but totals will be very small," said Zontos. "We could see up to 1/10 of an inch but it won't be enough to increase any river flows. The next system is forecast for Sunday through Monday, but the totals are still up in the air. There are indications that a bigger system is building for next Tuesday that could stick around through the week. There's some uncertainty with this one but the Climate Prediction Center is predicting above normal precipitation from Jan. 24 through the 29th."

## The Rivers

### Smith River

River conditions were excellent over the weekend but the fishing was tough.

With the Chetco still off color Saturday, the boat pressure was extremely high on the Smith. A few fish were caught but not many. The river is dropping and clearing, and conditions will get tougher. Hopefully the next round of storms will bring in more fish.

### Chetco/Elk/Rogue

A couple slides have prevented catch rates from busting wide open on the Chetco, reports Andy Martin of Wild Rivers Fishing. He said, "Flows are below 3,600 cubic feet per second and there are plenty of signs of fish, but slides on the South Fork and just above Loeb Park have visibility down to just a foot. Steelhead can be seen splashing as they move upriver and plunkers are getting some fish, but drift boaters are finding them few and far between. Expect the color to improve significantly as the river drops."

Fishing has been good on the lower Rogue for shore-based plunkers and boaters anchoring and running MagLip plugs, according to Martin. "There are hatchery and wild fish being caught, and flows are good for steelhead fishing. The Elk also has been fishing fairly well. Pressure is up since some other rivers are still high and muddy," added Martin.

### Eel River (main stem)

The main stem is fishable and dropping quickly. Flows were down to 3,600 cfs on Monday and it was turning green. Predicted to be down to 2,200 cfs by the weekend with lack of rain this week, it will be a good option.

### Eel River (South Fork)

The South Fork was in great shape over the weekend and drew quite the crowd. The fishing wasn't red hot. Most boats got the opportunity at a fish but there were plenty of skunks. It's predicted to be down to 600 cfs by the weekend.

### Van Duzen

The Van Duzen was down to 300 cfs as of Tuesday and is very fishable. There were plenty of bank anglers taking advantage over the weekend but reports were hard to come by.

### Mad

The Mad is in perfect shape and flowing at 550 cfs as of Tuesday. Prime conditions drew lots of boats and bank anglers over the weekend, but the fishing wasn't red hot. Anglers caught some nice fish at the hatchery, including one that weighed nearly 20 pounds. The river should be in great shape the rest of the week and it's probably your best option to land a steelhead.

Read the complete fishing roundup at [www.northcoastjournal.com](http://www.northcoastjournal.com).

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Coast and Fatbol Farms host **The Big Humboldt Jam**, a virtual concert event rocking screens on **Saturday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m.** (\$15-\$100). The concert features local and national talent like Pat Banton, The Duet with Bobby Vega, George Porter Jr., Object Heavy, Lyndsey Battle, David Starfire and more. All of it filmed at the historic Eagle House. Get tickets on Eventbrite or at [www.ncbbbs.org](http://www.ncbbbs.org).



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This is how we stew it. Grangers are cooking up some comfort food, y'all. Get some at the **Drive-Thru Beef Stew Dinner, Saturday on Jan. 23 from 4 to 6:30 p.m.** at **Humboldt Grange Hall** (\$10). Dinner includes a hearty bowl of beef stew with a dollop of sour cream, bread, a side salad and a sweet treat. A heads-up helps the grange prepare so do the right thing and call ahead or pre-order at [www.mycheddarup.com/c/humboldt-grange-501](http://www.mycheddarup.com/c/humboldt-grange-501), then drive up, pick it up and take it home.

## 21 Thursday

### ART

**ArtBiz Virtual Online Auction.** Virtual World, Online. Original and limited edition local art auction open for online viewing and bidding until Jan. 31, 2021. Hosted by Carl Johnson Co. auctioneers. [www.eurekachamber.com/art-biz](http://www.eurekachamber.com/art-biz). 442-3738.

**Ink People's Annual Color Show: Metallic.** Virtual World, Online. A virtual show to kick off 2021. At [www.inkpeople.org/tuxford-gallery-shows/ink-peoples-annual-color-show-metallic](http://www.inkpeople.org/tuxford-gallery-shows/ink-peoples-annual-color-show-metallic).

### DANCE

**Dances of Brazil.** 5:30 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. Learn Brazilian dances with instructors Rocío Cristal and María Vanderhorst. All levels. Limited to five people. Register online. \$15. [talavera.rocio@gmail.com](mailto:talavera.rocio@gmail.com).

### LECTURE

**Klamath Mountains Winter Webinar Series.** 7 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Series sharing stories of how geology, climate, fire and water help create the biological abundance of the Klamath Mountains. Register online. \$69 for the 10-part series, \$10 per class. [www.backcountrypress.com/klamath/webinar-series/](http://www.backcountrypress.com/klamath/webinar-series/).

### MUSIC

**James Zeller Hosts the J St. Regulars Radio Hour.** 7-8 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Tune in for a heartwarming versions of classics in many genres and original tunes. Via Facebook and Instagram @creative.sanctuary. Free, donations encouraged. [music@sanctuaryarcata.org](mailto:music@sanctuaryarcata.org). [www.facebook.com/thesanctuaryarcata](http://www.facebook.com/thesanctuaryarcata). (646) 245-6865.

**Quarantine Sing-a-long.** Ongoing, 7 p.m. Virtual World, Online. A Facebook group to join if you like fun group singing. Song of the day posted at 3 p.m., sing starts at 7 p.m. Free. [www.facebook.com/groups/quarantinesingalong](http://www.facebook.com/groups/quarantinesingalong).

### SPOKEN WORD

**The Writers Lounge via Zoom.** 7:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. A writing workshop geared toward stand-up and comedy. Zoom Room: 857 4217 6054. Password: writers. Join Zoom Meeting [www.us02web.zoom.us/j/85742176054?pwd=dWp4UGVqaUVYQ0wzeKVNkZkZ0VIMzZz09](https://www.us02web.zoom.us/j/85742176054?pwd=dWp4UGVqaUVYQ0wzeKVNkZkZ0VIMzZz09).

### FOR KIDS

**Fortuna Library Recorded Readings.** Virtual World, Online. Hosted by the Fortuna Branch Library on its Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/HumCoLibraryFortuna](http://www.facebook.com/HumCoLibraryFortuna).

**Virtual Junior Rangers.** 11:30 a.m. Virtual World, Online. North Coast Redwoods District of California State Parks offers kids' programs and activities about coast redwoods, marine protected areas and more, plus Junior Ranger Badges. Register online and watch live. [www.bit.ly/NCRDVirtuaJuniorRanger](http://www.bit.ly/NCRDVirtuaJuniorRanger).

### MEETINGS

**Bay to Zoo Community Meeting.** 6 p.m. Virtual World, Online. A community meeting informing the public about the current status of the proposed Bay to Zoo Trail, which would connect the Waterfront Trail at Tydd Street to the North to Sequoia Park in the South. Via Zoom. [www.facebook.com/groups/224856781967115](http://www.facebook.com/groups/224856781967115).

[us02web.zoom.us/j/83392028125?pwd=QjZxYXJGYXcyMFovSUV5cjhCa3ozZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83392028125?pwd=QjZxYXJGYXcyMFovSUV5cjhCa3ozZz09).

### OUTDOORS

**Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain.** Ongoing, 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. California State Parks' North Coast Redwoods District is broadcasting programs featuring tall trees and rugged seas from state parks via Facebook. Free. [www.facebook.com/NorthCoastRedwoods](http://www.facebook.com/NorthCoastRedwoods).

**Mad River Steelhead Derby.** 6 a.m. Virtual World, Online. The three biggest hatchery steelhead win cash and prizes from sponsors and partners. Register at Bucksport, RMI Outdoors or online. Derby fees: adult \$35, youth \$20. [www.ncgasa.org](http://www.ncgasa.org).

### ETC

**English Express: An English Language Class for Adults.** Ongoing. Virtual World, Online. This class offers pronunciation, speaking, reading, writing, vocabulary, verb conjugations and common expressions. All levels welcome. Join anytime. Free. [www.englishexpressempowered.com](http://www.englishexpressempowered.com).

**Fuente Nueva Virtual Enrollment Info Night / Noche virtual de información para familias.** 6 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Learn about Fuente Nueva Charter School's Spanish immersion program for grades TK-5. Meet teachers and families. Find Zoom link at [www.facebook.com/events/683772145840662](http://www.facebook.com/events/683772145840662).

**Restorative Movement.** 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 1:30-2:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. SoHum Health presents classes focused on strength and mobility (Tuesday), and on relaxation and breath work (Thursday). Contact instructor Ann Constantino for online orientation. Free. [annconstantino@gmail.com](mailto:annconstantino@gmail.com). [www.sohumhealth.org](http://www.sohumhealth.org). 923-3921.

**Virtual Meditation & Mindfulness Class.** 5-6 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Join on Zoom at the Abbey of the Redwoods for a 1-hour meditation and mindfulness class. Each class includes three group meditations, with guidance and Q&A in between. Suitable for all levels. Free. [mindfullymatt@gmail.com](mailto:mindfullymatt@gmail.com). [us02web.zoom.us/j/86371764436?pwd=a1h-JaVBoRC93cHd0ckcwQlF2Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86371764436?pwd=a1h-JaVBoRC93cHd0ckcwQlF2Zz09).

## 22 Friday

### ART

**ArtBiz Virtual Online Auction.** Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Ink People's Annual Color Show: Metallic.** Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

### MUSIC

**James Zeller Hosts the J St. Regulars Radio Hour.** 7-8 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**King Maxwell Quarantine Funk #9.** 9-11 p.m. Virtual World, Online. King Maxwell spins funk, soul, electro, disco, roller skating jams and boogie, and adds vocoder flavor. Free. [arcatasoulpartycrew@gmail.com](mailto:arcatasoulpartycrew@gmail.com). [www.youtube.com/watch?v=pssT-Ry5HLAk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pssT-Ry5HLAk).

**Quarantine Sing-a-long.** Ongoing, 7 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Shelter n Play.** 6 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Public group on Facebook made up of locals. Open mic for all skill levels, all styles, everyone's welcome to watch or perform. Sign-ups Wednesdays at noon. [www.facebook.com/groups/224856781967115](http://www.facebook.com/groups/224856781967115).

### EVENTS

**The Curiosity Hour: Weekly Double Dose of Weird with Veve Decay.** 8 p.m. Virtual World, Online. An evening of strange tales, live chats and parlor games hosted by Altar Ego: Curious Art & Fashion Design. [www.facebook.com/events/939880849742122](http://www.facebook.com/events/939880849742122).

### FOR KIDS

**School-age Storytime.** 11 a.m. Virtual World, Online. Hosted by the Arcata Branch Library via Zoom. To sign up, email [sparsons@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:sparsons@co.humboldt.ca.us) or call 822-5954.

### OUTDOORS

**Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain.** Ongoing, 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Mad River Steelhead Derby.** 6 a.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

### ETC

**A Call to Yarns.** Noon-1 p.m. Virtual World, Online. A weekly Zoom meetup for knitters and crocheters. Sign up using the Google form for an email invitation. Free. [sparsons@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:sparsons@co.humboldt.ca.us). [www.forms.gle/CkdbZSbjbckZQej89](http://www.forms.gle/CkdbZSbjbckZQej89). 822-5954.

**English Express: An English Language Class for Adults.** Ongoing. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Tabata.** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. SoHum Health presents online classes with short, high intensity cardio workouts. Contact instructor Stephanie Finch by email for a link to the class. Free. [sfinch40@gmail.com](mailto:sfinch40@gmail.com). [www.sohumhealth.com](http://www.sohumhealth.com).

## 23 Saturday

### ART

**ArtBiz Virtual Online Auction.** Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Ink People's Annual Color Show: Metallic.** Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

### BOOKS

**Reading in Place - An Online Reading Group.** 1 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Sign up online for a Zoom meeting invite and the week's reading for discussion. [www.forms.gle/zKymPvcDFDG7BJEP9](http://www.forms.gle/zKymPvcDFDG7BJEP9).

### MOVIES

**Community Drive-in Cinemas.** 5-8:30 p.m. Humboldt Bay Social Club, 900 New Navy Base Road, Samoa. Watch *Rush Hour* (1998) from the socially distant comfort of your car. Food and drinks available. Only 50 spots available. Tickets online. \$25. [humboldt-drivein@gmail.com](mailto:humboldt-drivein@gmail.com). [www.communitydriveincinemas.com](http://www.communitydriveincinemas.com). 3233808240.

### MUSIC

**Art & Music - A Weekend Thing.** 2-4 p.m. Virtual World, Online. A weekly collaboration of musical covers and original songs alongside live art production. On Facebook at [facebook.com/EmRART](http://facebook.com/EmRART). [emily@emilyreinhardt.com](mailto:emily@emilyreinhardt.com). [www.facebook.com/EmRART](http://www.facebook.com/EmRART).

**The Big Humboldt Jam.** Virtual World, Online. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Coast and Fatbol Farms host "The Big Humboldt Jam," featuring local and national talent such as The Duet with Bobby Vega, George Porter Jr., Object Heavy, Lyndsey Battle, David Starfire and more. Filmed at the historic Eagle House in Eureka. \$15-\$100.

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## NCJ CALENDAR

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**EmRart with James Zeller.** 2-4 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Cross-platform entertainment from remote locations. James Zeller plays jazz from Arcata, and Emily Reinhart lays charcoal on birch wood in Eureka. Watch via Facebook ([www.facebook.com/EmRart](http://www.facebook.com/EmRart)) or by YouTube. Free. [emily@emilyreinhart.com](mailto:emily@emilyreinhart.com). [www.youtube.com/channel/UCldGc\\_-RErDvHWjNBsbhIQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCldGc_-RErDvHWjNBsbhIQ).

**Quarantine Sing-a-long.** Ongoing, 7 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

### EVENTS

**Club Triangle Streaming Saturdays.** Virtual World, Online. Weekly online queer variety show. Submissions accepted daily. Post your art on social media and tag @clubtriangle. #coronoshebettadont. Free. [www.facebook.com/clubtriangle707/](http://www.facebook.com/clubtriangle707/).

### FOR KIDS

**Preschool Storytime.** 11 a.m. Virtual World, Online. Hosted by the Arcata Branch Library via Zoom. To sign up, email [sparsons@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:sparsons@co.humboldt.ca.us) or call 822-5954.

### FOOD

**Arcata Plaza Winter Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Every Saturday, rain or shine, Humboldt County farmers gather on the plaza to share their bounty. Current COVID safety guidelines online. Free. [info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org](mailto:info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org). [www.northcoastgrowersassociation.org](http://www.northcoastgrowersassociation.org). 707-441-9999.

**Drive-Thru Beef Stew Dinner.** 4-6:30 p.m. Humboldt Grange Hall, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. A hearty bowl of beef stew with sour cream, bread, salad and dessert. Pre-order online. Details at [www.facebook.com/events/159807815563455](http://www.facebook.com/events/159807815563455). \$10. [www.my.chedarup.com/c/humboldt-grange-501](http://www.my.chedarup.com/c/humboldt-grange-501). 442-4890.

### OUTDOORS

**Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain.** Ongoing, 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Mad River Steelhead Derby.** 6 a.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

### ETC

**English Express: An English Language Class for Adults.** Ongoing. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

## 24 Sunday

### ART

**ArtBiz Virtual Online Auction.** Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Ink People's Annual Color Show: Metallic.** Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

### COMEDY

**Sunday Service Comedy Open Mic: ZOOM.** 5 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Virtual stage-time with Pastor Paula for aspiring comics working out sets and trying to land jokes. Five-minute sets. Join the show at [www.us02web.zoom.us/j/82295455754](http://www.us02web.zoom.us/j/82295455754). Zoom room: 822 9545 5754. Password: comedy.

### MUSIC

**Quarantine Sing-a-long.** Ongoing, 7 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

### EVENTS

**The Clarke Historical Museum Presents: Wild Teas A Virtual Tea-Tasting and Presentation.** 4 p.m. Virtual World, Online. A multisensory adventure into under-

standing native plants that have been used by local tribes in teas. Zoom link provided after online ticket purchase. \$10. [www.clarkemuseum.org/wild-teas.html](http://www.clarkemuseum.org/wild-teas.html).

### FOOD

**Food Not Bombs.** 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Free, hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

### OUTDOORS

**Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain.** Ongoing, 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Mad River Steelhead Derby.** 6 a.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

### ETC

**English Express: An English Language Class for Adults.** Ongoing. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

## 25 Monday

### ART

**ArtBiz Virtual Online Auction.** Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Ink People's Annual Color Show: Metallic.** Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

### BOOKS

**Book Group Event: Online Book Discussion for Designology.** 5:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. A facilitated discussion of Designology. RSVP with your email to receive the Zoom link here: [https://www.currypubliclibrary.org/event/book-group-event-online-book-discussion-for-designology/?fbclid=IwAR3lk6tb-5tkYCA9Yj4rfMwxVN9NwKa4p7OqFXi-zKc\\_lkaO4Z54kWbxFlc](https://www.currypubliclibrary.org/event/book-group-event-online-book-discussion-for-designology/?fbclid=IwAR3lk6tb-5tkYCA9Yj4rfMwxVN9NwKa4p7OqFXi-zKc_lkaO4Z54kWbxFlc).

### MUSIC

**James Zeller Hosts the J St. Regulars Radio Hour.** 7-8 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Quarantine Sing-a-long.** Ongoing, 7 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

### OUTDOORS

**Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain.** Ongoing, 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Mad River Steelhead Derby.** 6 a.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

### ETC

**English Express: An English Language Class for Adults.** Ongoing. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Tabata.** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 22 listing.

## 26 Tuesday

### ART

**ArtBiz Virtual Online Auction.** Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Ink People's Annual Color Show: Metallic.** Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

### COMEDY

**Savage Henry's BigFish Open Mic via Zoom.** 9 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Enjoy or participate in some stand-up open-mic Zoom style. Five-minute sets. Zoom: [www.us02web.zoom.us/j/86421967992](http://www.us02web.zoom.us/j/86421967992) Password: comedy.

## MUSIC

**Daniel Nickerson Hosts the J Street Regulars Radio Hour.** 7-8 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Artists give a one-hour program to connect, send healing music, educate on American music history, celebrate artists of color and more. Free, donations encouraged. [music@sanctuaryarcata.org](mailto:music@sanctuaryarcata.org). [www.facebook.com/thesanctuaryarcata](http://www.facebook.com/thesanctuaryarcata).

**James Zeller Hosts the J St. Regulars Radio Hour.** 7-8 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Quarantine Sing-a-long.** Ongoing, 7 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

### FOR KIDS

**Tuesday Storytime with Ms. Tamara.** Virtual World, Online. Posted every Tuesday on Arcata Library's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/HumCoLibraryArcata](http://www.facebook.com/HumCoLibraryArcata).

### MEETINGS

**Food Team Monthly Meeting.** 6 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Learn about Cooperation Humboldt's food team and how you can get involved. Via Zoom. [www.us02web.zoom.us/j/86991888063?fbclid=IwAR3TijJvsEQeVGpLWmbzu8L2G6VpLz-rYg4aNU6NzNOI6uZjbT5vGb-jE10#success](http://www.us02web.zoom.us/j/86991888063?fbclid=IwAR3TijJvsEQeVGpLWmbzu8L2G6VpLz-rYg4aNU6NzNOI6uZjbT5vGb-jE10#success).

**Local Homesharing Info Session.** 1-1:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. If you have a spare bedroom and could use extra income or help around the house, Northcoast Homeshare (a program of Area 1 Agency on Aging) can connect you with a compatible housemate. Join the weekly 30-minute Zoom informational session. Free. [homeshare@alaa.org](mailto:homeshare@alaa.org). [zoom.us/j/2673010045?pwd=eTJvajlXaWR4eEMwOUERQlp-GZHBjZz09.442-3763](http://zoom.us/j/2673010045?pwd=eTJvajlXaWR4eEMwOUERQlp-GZHBjZz09.442-3763) ext. 213.

### OUTDOORS

**Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain.** Ongoing, 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Mad River Steelhead Derby.** 6 a.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

### ETC

**Dow's Prairie Kindergarten Information Night.** 6 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Virtual information night geared toward parents of incoming TK and kindergarten students interested in learning more about Dow's Prairie School. On Zoom. [zoom.us/j/83229239554?pwd=Q0ZsdXBwZEIRYm-dyaUxDTW5yTk0UT09&fbclid=IwAR2v2vBUU8XB-ZVM5Mkm-SUJh0b9EqOIBdLYurHorjTjrkalQC7U-uE6s6gA#success](http://zoom.us/j/83229239554?pwd=Q0ZsdXBwZEIRYm-dyaUxDTW5yTk0UT09&fbclid=IwAR2v2vBUU8XB-ZVM5Mkm-SUJh0b9EqOIBdLYurHorjTjrkalQC7U-uE6s6gA#success).

**English Express: An English Language Class for Adults.** Ongoing. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Restorative Movement.** 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 1:30-2:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Virtual Yoga: Gentle Vinyasa Flow.** 5-6:15 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Join online at the Abbey of the Redwoods for a mellow vinyasa flow practice. Suitable for all levels, but previous yoga experience is helpful (due to the limitations of online instruction). Free. [mindfullymatt@gmail.com](mailto:mindfullymatt@gmail.com). [www.facebook.com/abbeyoftheredwoods](http://www.facebook.com/abbeyoftheredwoods).

## 27 Wednesday

### ART

**ArtBiz Virtual Online Auction.** Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Ink People's Annual Color Show: Metallic.** Virtual



World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

## BOOKS

**On the Same Page Book Club.** 5:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Online book club that meets on the first Wednesday of the month on Zoom. Sign up using the Google form at [www.forms.gle/bAsjdQ7hKGqEgJKj7](http://www.forms.gle/bAsjdQ7hKGqEgJKj7). [forms.gle/bAsjdQ7hKGqEgJKj7](http://forms.gle/bAsjdQ7hKGqEgJKj7).

## LECTURE

**Meet the Expert.** 5 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Humboldt-Del Norte Film Commissioner Cassandra Hesselstine interviews film industry professionals and discusses local filming. New videos posted to the commission's YouTube channel and social media. [www.youtube.com/channel/UCsbPoRUX8OJlzuLCUNIBxiw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsbPoRUX8OJlzuLCUNIBxiw).

## MUSIC

**James Zeller Hosts the J St. Regulars Radio Hour.** 7-8 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Quarantine Sing-a-long.** Ongoing, 7 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

## EVENTS

**The Curiosity Hour: Weekly Double Dose of Weird with Veve Decay.** 8 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 22 listing.

**Restoring the Balance: Preparing Tribal Food Systems for Uncertain Times.** . Virtual World, Online. Speakers, panels and inspiring stories about how Northern California Tribes are exercising their sovereignty over their food systems. Register on Eventbrite: [www.nctcc-rtb-2021.eventbrite.com](http://www.nctcc-rtb-2021.eventbrite.com). Registration required for Zoom login information. Free. [www.nctcc.org/restoringthebalance2021](http://www.nctcc.org/restoringthebalance2021).

## FOR KIDS

**Preschool Storytime.** 11 a.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 23 listing.

## OUTDOORS

**Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain.** Ongoing, 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Mad River Steelhead Derby.** 6 a.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

## ETC

**English Express: An English Language Class for Adults.** Ongoing. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Reel Genius Virtual Trivia.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Create a team via Facetime, Skype, Messenger, Hangouts etc., order some food and brews from the Madrone and play while dining outdoors, or enjoying takeout at home. Invite link will be posted prior to the event. [www.facebook.com/events/657139721581557](http://www.facebook.com/events/657139721581557).

**Tabata.** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 22 listing.

**Weekly Check-in with Rep. Huffman.** Noon. Virtual World, Online. Rep. Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) will hold Facebook Live check-ins to engage with his constituents on the latest updates regarding the novel coronavirus pandemic and to answer questions about the federal response. More information at [www.huffman.house.gov/coronavirus](http://www.huffman.house.gov/coronavirus). Free. [www.facebook.com/rephuffman](http://www.facebook.com/rephuffman).

# 28 Thursday

## ART

**ArtBiz Virtual Online Auction.** Virtual World, Online.

See Jan. 21 listing.

**Ink People's Annual Color Show: Metallic.** Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

## DANCE

**Dances of Brazil.** 5:30 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. See Jan. 21 listing.

## LECTURE

**Klamath Mountains Winter Webinar Series.** 7 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

## MUSIC

**James Zeller Hosts the J St. Regulars Radio Hour.** 7-8 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Quarantine Sing-a-long.** Ongoing, 7 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

## SPOKEN WORD

**The Writers Lounge via Zoom.** 7:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

## EVENTS

**Restoring the Balance: Preparing Tribal Food Systems for Uncertain Times.** Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 27 listing.

## FOR KIDS

**Fortuna Library Recorded Readings.** Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Virtual Junior Rangers.** 11:30 a.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

## OUTDOORS

**Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain.** Ongoing, 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**Mad River Steelhead Derby.** 6 a.m. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

## ETC

**English Express: An English Language Class for Adults.** Ongoing. Virtual World, Online. See Jan. 21 listing.

**KEET What's on Your Bucket List?.** 7:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Six-part series featuring 12 local people acting out their bucket list adventures. On KEET Ch. 13.

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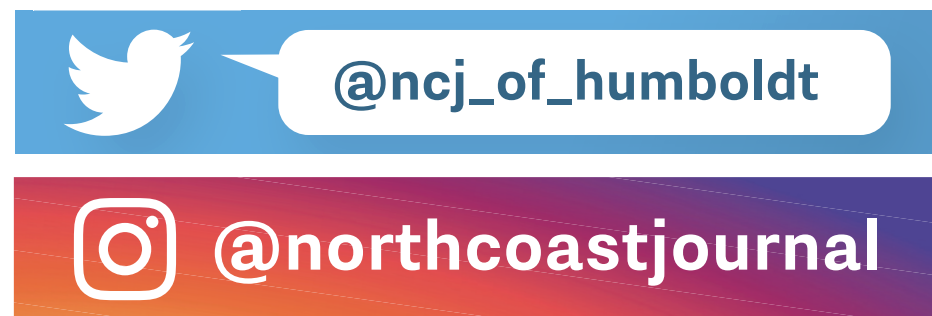
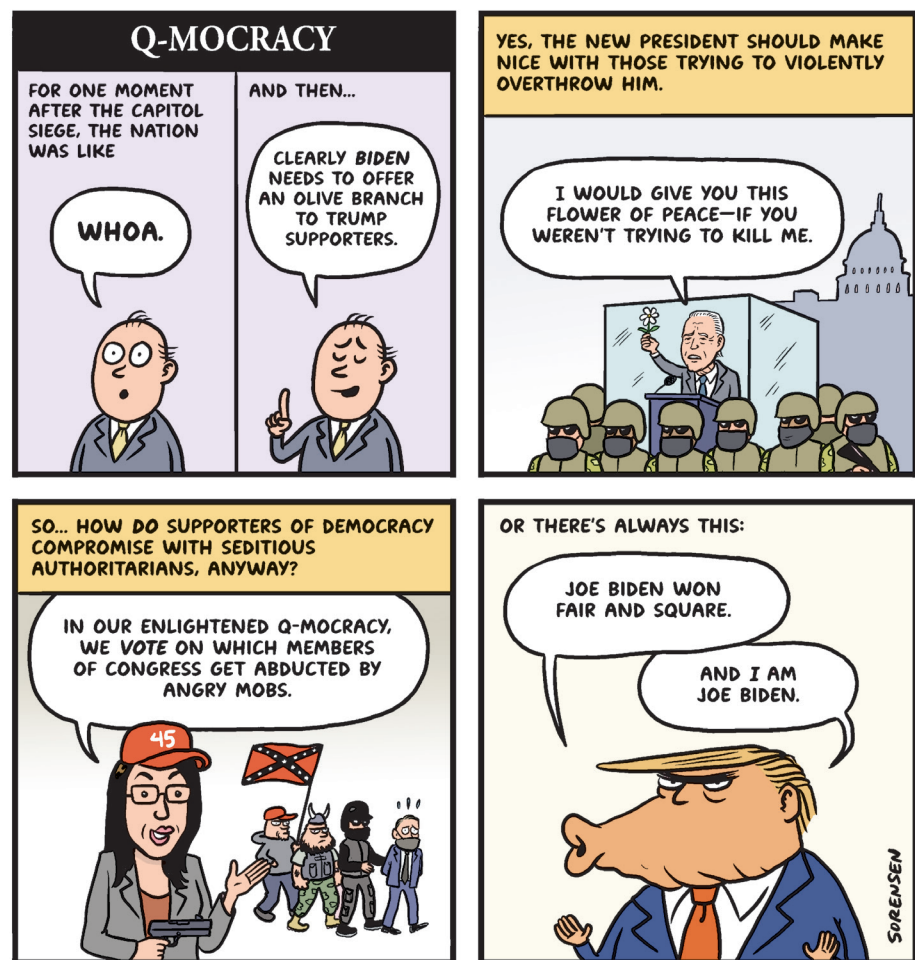
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# Hope and History

*News of the World* and *One Night in Miami ...*

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Mood. *One Night in Miami ...*

No sooner than I had published last week's whinging lament that certain exciting new releases (*Promising Young Woman* and *News of the World*) were only to be seen theatrically, both became available streaming, albeit as Premium Video On-Demand (PVOD) selections — hubris, though mild. Why the studios chose to attempt a box office cash grab before acknowledging the shifting latitudes of a civilization gripped by literal and figurative plagues, we may never know. One can hazard a guess, though, it might have something to do with greed and atavism — more deeply metastasized hubris.

Anyway, *News* and *Promising* were sent out to try for the brass ring of Christmas Day theater-goers, to whatever mixed result, and now can be watched from the relative comfort and safety of home for the — nominal? usurious? — price of \$20. The future is nigh.

**NEWS OF THE WORLD.** Neither Paul Greengrass nor Tom Hanks have essayed a Western before. Somewhat surprising in the case of Hanks but Greengrass' bruising, documentary-style depictions of spy-craft (several *Bourne* movies) and ripped-from-the-headlines horror (*United 93*, *Captain Phillips*, *22 July*) do not, at a glance, necessarily suggest the wide-open spaces and particular xenophobia of the expanding, post-war American West. But both director and star are of a generation raised on the genre, both in movies and television, and seem to share

a fascination with myth-making, historiography and the intersection thereof. They are interpreters of the making of the world as they know and inhabit it, so it only makes sense they would feel compelled to explore, at least once, that most sacrosanct and mythological of American/European genres. Particularly when presented with the opportunity to do so within the framework of a story (adapted from the novel by Paulette Jiles) that, while familiar in a number of its tropes, subtly recasts some of the assumed norms of the Western and carefully imagines the relationships, conflicts and perspectives of people riven by war and at the mercy of an unforgiving landscape.

Capt. Jefferson Kyle Kidd (Hanks), formerly of the Texas infantry, makes what some might call a living traveling from settlement to settlement, reading the news aloud. The year is 1870 and, having surrendered five years before, Texas has become an embattled occupied territory. Proud Texans bristle at the presence of Union authorities, all the while snatching up as much land as they can, coming into frequent, bloody conflict with the Indigenous peoples from whom they have stolen it. Kidd, a capable if troubled survivor, circumnavigates as much of the trouble as he can, seeking solitude and some respite from killing, meanwhile attempting to sow hope and relief with stories from far-flung corners. In his travels, he comes across an overturned wagon, a lynched Black man and a seem-

ingly feral little blond girl. Kidd is able to determine that she, Johanna (Helena Zengel), was taken by the Kiowa people some five years before, after the rest of her family were killed in a raid. Having been found (or taken again), presumably by the man killed by an unseen mob, she was being transported to her only remaining family, Germans scratching out a living hundreds of miles away. At first unsure of how to proceed, Kidd eventually decides to deliver the girl himself, stopping to read the news and bankroll the expedition along the way. The two come to form a bond, forged in both affection and combat, together weathering challenges presented both by blood-thirsty humans and a landscape that does them no favors.

*News of the World* does not pulse with the same intensity of some of Greengrass' trademark work but it is a testament to his craftsmanship that the movie remains compelling and distinctive in its departure from his usual style. As in *Captain Phillips*, Hanks does some of the best work of his recent career with Greengrass and Zengel is a pure revelation, comporting herself with a self-awareness almost unimaginable for an actor of her age. PG13. 118M. AMAZON, ON DEMAND.

**ONE NIGHT IN MIAMI ...** It is something of a truism that stage-to-screen adaptations, while often canonical, are perhaps even more frequently unsuccessful, adhering too closely to the strictures of playwriting, not allowing themselves the

freedom provided by the camera and the edit. I will not enumerate successes and failures here, beyond saying that *One Night in Miami ...* transcends its origins as few adaptations have. Directed by Regina King, with a screenplay by Kemp Powers (adapted from his play), the movie defies its own limitations — a sort of Socratic four-hander, set primarily in one room, imagining a conversation among legends of the 20th century. One would think the thing could not help but feel stagey or melodramatic; it does not.

On the night of his first championship win, Cassius Clay (Eli Goree) gathers his friends Sam Cooke (Leslie Odom Jr.), Jim Brown (Aldis Hodge) and Malcolm X (Kingsley Ben-Adir) in an admittedly un-glamorous hotel room to celebrate. Jim wants to get laid, Sam wants to drink and play some songs. Malcolm has bigger, more troubling thoughts on his mind. Cassius, the 22-year-old innocent, is the inquisitive, malleable mind caught in the crossfire of an interrogation of the appropriate place for him and for each of his friends in the Civil Rights movement.

Powers' vivid dialogue, King's remarkable confidence behind the camera and four swaggering, vulnerable, deeply sympathetic performances combine to imbue *One Night in Miami ...* with a sense of the monumental, the tragic, the timeless and the hopeful. R. 114M. AMAZON. ●

*John J. Bennett (he/him) is a movie nerd who loves a good car chase.*



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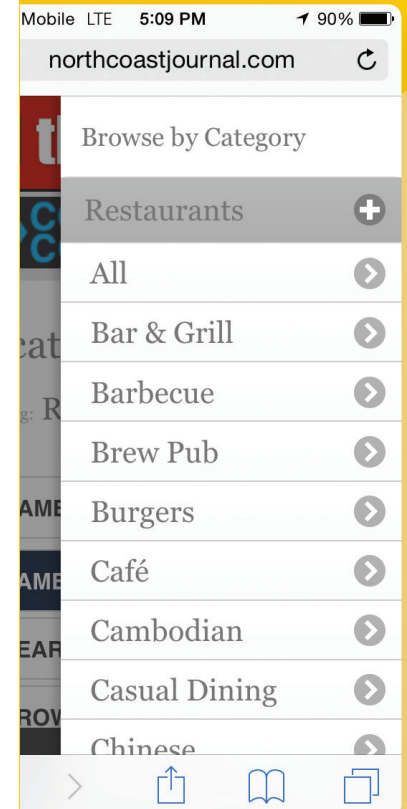
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# 2020 A New Light Review

By David Wilson  
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The year 2020 was something of an off year. I, for one, took fewer photographs; I simply had less creative energy this year.

There was the never-ending pandemic, followed by the raging, record-setting wildfires of summer and fall. On top of that, with very little time to prepare, I was asked to teach a new class, and for the first time I had to teach a class entirely online. The fires impacted student performance, the pandemic affected them and adjusting to purely online instruction affected them. It was an interesting year and semester at College of the Redwoods. It all got to me, too, with the result that I had less creative energy for my photography. Maybe the coming semester will be a little smoother; at least there shouldn't be any wildfires.

While 2020 certainly contributed more than its share of ill wind, there was still a great deal of beauty to be found in it. Outside of human consciousness, nature's magnificence continued unabated. Allow me to share a few of the beautiful scenes that I found while prowling 2020's North Coast Night Lights.

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20. "... and that's no joke!"

23. "Lou Grant" production co.

26. Cousin of "Inc."

27. Only ape to orbit the earth (1961)

28. "Really?!"

34. Ricci of fashion

35. Great American Ball Park team

36. #52 on AFI's list of

the 100 Greatest Movie Quotes of All Time

44. "\_\_\_ Torino" (Clint Eastwood movie)

45. \_\_\_ admiral

46. Question asked by Paul Marcarelli in Verizon Wireless ads

53. Chiwere-speaking native

54. Raven's fan?

55. Mao \_\_\_-tung

56. Podcast launched by Hillary Clinton in 2020 ... and this puzzle's theme

62. "Srsly?!"

63. It debuted four years after Hydrox debuted

64. Mistreating

68. Hermana de la madre

69. Privy to

70. "A Walk in the Woods" author

71. Prefix meaning "outer"

72. Spreadsheet parts

73. Tests, as ore

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2. \_\_\_ Lingus

3. Chem. or biol.

4. Poetic measure

5. Palindromic 1976 greatest hits album

6. One of two in a vacuum

7. Together, in France

8. Griffin who created "Wheel of Fortune"

9. April, May or June

10. Nivea rival

11. Like some heroes

12. One reading up on infant care, maybe

13. It's often said with a smile

21. \_\_\_ factor

22. Wine: Prefix

23. A bajillion

24. Huey, Dewey and Louie, e.g.

25. Clickable list

29. "You betcha!"

30. Goodnight woman of song

31. "Breaking Bad" org.

32. Insecticide whose 1972 ban led to the comeback of the bald eagle

33. "Kinda sorta"

37. Back in the day

38. R&B's \_\_\_ Hill

39. \_\_\_-jongg

40. Afore

41. It begins on Ash Wednesday

42. Golden Triangle country

43. "... \_\_\_ can share it like the last slice": Drake

46. South Dakota's state animal

47. Word before age or number

48. Part of a Snickers bar

49. House call?

50. Alert from the commish

51. iRobot floor cleaner

52. They're fed by the street

57. Genre of crime fiction

58. Early Bond foe

59. Copy cats?

60. Many millennia

61. Makes bale?

65. Only account Edward Snowden follows on Twitter

66. Play (with)

67. Carry-\_\_\_ (travel bags)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION ON FEBRUARY 26TH -MARCH 1ST, 2021 OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY FOR DELINQUENT TAXES  
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On, November 10, 2020, I, John Bartholomew, Humboldt County Tax Collector, was directed to conduct a public auction sale by the Board of Supervisors of Humboldt County, California. The tax-defaulted properties listed on this notice are subject to the Tax Collector's power of sale and have been approved for sale by a resolution dated November 10, 2020 of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

The sale will be conducted at [www.bid4assets.com](http://www.bid4assets.com), from February 26th – March 1st, 2021 as a public auction to the highest bidder for not less than the minimum bid as shown on this notice. Parcels receiving no bids will be re-offered at [www.bid4assets.com](http://www.bid4assets.com) on March 26th at a minimum price appropriate to stimulate competitive bidding. Due diligence research is incumbent on the bidder as all properties are sold as is. The winning bidder is legally obligated to purchase the item.

Only bids submitted via the Internet will be accepted. Pre-registration is required. Register on-line at [Bid4Assets.com](http://Bid4Assets.com) by February 22nd, 2021. Bidders must submit a refundable deposit of \$2,500.00 electronically, or by certified check or money order at [www.bid4assets.com](http://www.bid4assets.com). The deposit will be applied to the successful bidder's purchase price. Full payment and deed information indicating how title should be vested is required within 48 hours after the end of the sale. Terms of payment are limited to wire transfers, certified checks or money orders. A California transfer tax will be added to and collected with the purchase price and is calculated at \$.55 per each \$500 or fraction thereof.

All property is sold as is. The county and its employees are not liable for the failure of any electronic equipment that may prevent a person from participating in the sale.

The right of redemption will cease on Thursday, February 25th, at 5 p.m. and properties not redeemed will be offered for sale. If the parcel is not sold, the right of redemption will revive and continue up to the close of business on the last business day prior to the next scheduled sale.

If the properties are sold, parties of interest, as defined in California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 4675, have a right to file a claim with the county for any excess proceeds from the sale. Excess proceeds are the amount of the highest bid in excess of the liens and costs of the sale that are paid from the sale proceeds. Notice will be given to parties of interest, pursuant to California Revenue Taxation Code section 3692(e), if excess proceeds result from the sale.

More information may be obtained by contacting the Tax Collector at [www.humboldtgov.org](http://www.humboldtgov.org) or by calling (707) 476-2450 or toll free at 877-448-6829.

**PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION**

The Assessor's Assessment Number (Parcel No.), when used to describe property in this list, refers to the assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map (if applicable), and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The assessor's maps and an explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the Assessor's Office.

The properties subject to this notice are situated in Humboldt County, California, and are described as follows:

\*Some item numbers are missing due to redemption of taxes or withdrawals.

ITEM NO	ASSESSOR'S ASSESSMENT NO	ASSESSEE'S NAME	MINIMUM BID
1	005-053-005-000	Chase, Richard	\$19,350.00
2	006-061-011-000	Hartling, Doug & Munson, Bret	\$19,650.00
4	007-112-001-000	Kirkpatrick, Edward L	\$8,650.00
5	009-252-006-000	Jones, Jessie M	\$9,450.00
6	010-036-003-000	Zygela, Susan E	\$31,600.00
8	010-223-004-000	North, Juliette	\$71,450.00
9	015-131-016-000	Davis, Robert E & Wendy K	\$2,650.00
10	017-012-025-000	Scott, John E	\$6,350.00
11	018-341-003-000	Thompson, Raymond F & Darline M	\$12,800.00
12	033-011-008-000	Creery, Shawn M	\$2,100.00
13	033-011-010-000	Creery, Shawn M	\$4,150.00
14	033-011-011-000	Creery, Shawn M	\$2,100.00
15	033-011-012-000	Creery, Shawn M	\$1,900.00
16	033-051-008-000	Morgan, Sierra	\$3,600.00
17	033-051-010-000	Morgan, Sierra	\$3,450.00
18	033-311-001-000	Aquarian, Journey & Rachael	\$9,250.00
19	033-311-002-000	Aquarian, Journey & Rachael	\$13,350.00

ITEM NO	ASSESSOR'S ASSESSMENT NO	ASSESSEE'S NAME	MINIMUM BID
20	052-202-006-000	Crosby, Jerry E	\$28,350.00
21	053-161-010-000	Rio Dell Farmers Market LLC	\$3,550.00
22	053-161-019-000	Rio Dell Farmers Market LLC	\$1,850.00
23	053-161-021-000	Rio Dell Farmers Market LLC	\$12,100.00
24	108-033-026-000	Parker, Leonard D	\$45,400.00
25	109-033-018-000	De Leon, Azucena	\$17,100.00
26	109-041-001-000	Dollarhide, Kimberly	\$6,600.00
27	109-041-003-000	Dollarhide, Kimberly	\$7,650.00
28	109-042-004-000	Silverado 10 Inc	\$8,350.00
29	109-042-011-000	Betty J Dotson Living Trust	\$5,250.00
30	109-071-002-000	Morrison, Peter	\$8,000.00
33	109-081-021-000	Vradenburg, Dale L	\$4,800.00
34	109-081-049-000	Richard, Peter	\$5,250.00
35	109-081-053-000	Auyong, Victor C G	\$2,650.00
36	109-091-005-000	Gault, Clarice V Gault Survivors Trust	\$2,100.00
37	109-091-035-000	Wilson, Jared	\$7,300.00
39	109-131-001-000	Devito, Sean	\$3000.00
40	109-131-010-000	Devito, Sean	\$4,150.00
41	109-131-018-000	M & M Family Trust #2	\$3,150.00
42	109-131-026-000	Clark, William E & Mary C	\$4,500.00
43	109-131-069-000	Devito, Sean	\$5,900.00
44	109-131-071-000	Green, Gordon & Acosta-Green, Febelyn	\$7,000.00
45	109-141-009-000	Auburn Sky LLC	\$18,100.00
46	109-141-023-000	Vradenburg, Dale L	\$2,350.00
47	109-151-023-000	Quiggins, Jo	\$5,500.00
48	109-151-025-000	Caceros, Gracelyn I	\$5,350.00
49	109-161-012-000	Dodin, Samia Dodin Family Trust	\$15,000.00
50	109-161-038-000	Atkinson, Carol & Marchant Judith Hand, Roger D & Cathy	\$9,600.00
51	109-182-022-000	Porter, Cary B & Cheryl M	\$8,900.00
52	109-183-026-000	Silverado 10 Inc	\$8,400.00
53	109-192-029-000	E L & Associates Inc	\$4,100.00
54	109-193-001-000	Peele, Charlene/ Carty Brian/ Buck, Kathryn C	\$5,200.00
55	109-211-013-000	Freeman, Anthony	\$4,800.00
56	109-221-011-000	Hibbert, Hannah I/ Hibbert Matthew J & Michael P	\$6,200.00
57	109-221-017-000	Exley, Jesse R	\$4,850.00
58	109-221-018-000	Golob Clifford & Saralynn D	\$7,000.00
59	109-231-020-000	Fontanez-Pilon, Irene & Flores, Darlene	\$5,400.00
60	109-231-021-000	Olsen, Nicholas	\$7,700.00
61	109-251-004-000	Carrillo, Phillip D	\$4,850.00
62	109-251-046-000	Busch Danny R & Diane K	\$4,350.00
63	109-261-019-000	Greer, Deborah J & Luis V	\$4,950.00
64	109-261-038-000	Formby, George M W	\$6,850.00
65	109-271-005-000	Pengson, Leonard H & Emilia D	\$6,100.00
66	109-281-037-000	Bourikian, Robert & Varakian, Nona	\$4,050.00

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67	109-291-002-000	Tan, Sherwin	\$5,100.00
68	109-302-033-000	Moorhead, Joe	\$20,200.00
69	109-302-047-000	Keathley, Irma	\$5,600.00
70	109-321-003-000	Perlman, Harold & Robbin L	\$5,300.00
71	109-321-004-000	Bourikian, Robert & Varakian, Nona	\$3,850.00
72	109-331-009-000	Kalman, Fredrick J II	\$4,750.00
73	109-331-010-000	Kalman, Fredrick J II	\$6,650.00
74	109-331-011-000	Kalman, Fredrick J II	\$6,750.00
75	109-331-031-000	York, Tommy A & Pauline N/ Fonseca, Keolanalani J & Lehua K K	\$5,550.00
76	109-331-038-000	Bourikian, Robert & Varakian, Nona	\$4,050.00
77	109-341-010-000	Retherford, T L & Z L	\$4,500.00
78	109-341-019-000	Doan, An T	\$8,900.00
79	109-341-030-000	Millwood, Delbert & Kathy	\$6,550.00
80	109-351-019-000	Fisher, Frank P & Lupe	\$7,450.00
81	109-351-055-000	McDaniel, Darrell A	\$43,300.00
82	110-021-024-000	Chakos, Chris & Berg, Lisa	\$6,500.00
84	110-041-010-000	Taylor, Justine	\$15,150.00
85	110-041-011-000	Taylor, Justine	\$7,150.00
86	110-041-018-000	E L & Associates Inc	\$5,000.00
87	110-041-027-000	Dean, Sybille M	\$6,600.00
88	110-051-015-000	Lum, Stanley	\$5,450.00
89	110-051-053-000	Cepeda, Arturo & Elizabeth	\$5,250.00
90	110-071-009-000	Moon, Steven V/ Heather M Moon, Joseph M & Christina D	\$7,500.00
91	110-091-018-000	Lockhart, Raymond C	\$5,000.00
92	110-121-017-000	Wilson, David S & Joan H	\$6,800.00
93	110-121-022-000	York, Tommy	\$4,650.00
94	110-121-023-000	York, Tommy A & Pauline N	\$5,100.00
95	110-121-024-000	York, Tommy A & Pauline N	\$4,900.00
96	110-131-041-000	Galati, Alfred A	\$5,150.00
97	110-151-001-000	Cal, Sarah G	\$4,600.00
98	110-181-004-000	Henley, Dennis M	\$6,200.00
99	110-181-008-000	Grant, Reginald J	\$6,200.00
100	110-191-002-000	Jenkins, Donald B & Ruth E	\$5,100.00
101	110-231-029-000	Capital Investment Enterprises	\$20,400.00
102	110-231-057-000	Shaw, Michael E	\$7,300.00
103	110-231-063-000	Tilden, Renee	\$9,350.00
104	110-241-010-000	Safae, Zohreh	\$7,150.00
105	110-251-013-000	Behin, Bahram	\$8,500.00
106	110-251-023-000	Del Monte, Jack A Jr & Carol M	\$4,450.00
107	110-251-026-000	Lindauer, Robert	\$5,650.00
108	110-251-028-000	Cueva, Ester & Ochoa, Leonel	\$6,550.00
109	110-251-040-000	Schwartz, Bryan D	\$6,850.00
110	110-251-046-000	RPS Land LLC Huynh, Danny D	\$4,650.00
111	110-261-042-000	West, N E & D M	\$4,450.00

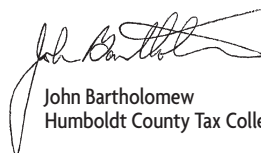


## LEGAL NOTICES

ITEM NO	ASSESSOR'S ASSESSMENT NO	ASSESSEE'S NAME	MINIMUM BID
112	110-261-045-000	Carrillo, Phillip D	\$7,500.00
113	110-291-023-000	Olayos, Peter	\$4,750.00
114	110-301-025-000	Burritt, Elizabeth A & Roland L	\$5,100.00
115	111-012-004-000	Forbes, Randall S & Sharon A	\$10,100.00
116	111-031-001-000	Perlman, Harold & Robbin L	\$5,150.00
117	111-031-017-000	Porter, Cary B & Cheryl M	\$5,700.00
118	111-031-037-000	Clearwater Real Estate Holdings LLC	\$14,650.00
119	111-031-046-000	Olayos, Peter	\$4,700.00
120	111-063-032-000	Fagundes, Anthony E & Laura S/ Tarrant, Russell V & Sharon K D	\$12,900.00
121	111-141-009-000	Mortensen, Brad	\$6,400.00
122	111-141-016-000	Tine, Lisa A & Richard J	\$7,600.00
123	111-142-026-000	Kingsley, Edward H	\$5,500.00
124	111-151-010-000	Puccio, Dayami G	\$13,750.00
125	111-151-024-000	Barbati, Carmine J	\$23,850.00
126	111-211-044-000	Cal, Sarah G	\$5,000.00
129	201-151-001-000	Khatua, Chidananda	\$3,200.00
130	201-232-001-000	Cruz, Casey J	\$26,700.00
131	202-102-025-000	Carroll, Mary L	\$3,800.00
132	202-361-080-000	Cox, Maria B	\$26,600.00
133	203-125-002-000	Hanchett, Aletha & Warren	\$13,200.00
134	203-291-054-000	Demello, Melissa & Sheyne	\$9,250.00
137	206-091-016-000	Lange, Brenda J	\$11,500.00
138	206-431-011-000	Walker, Charlotte G & Robert B/ Estate of Charlotte G Walker	\$15,400.00
139	206-441-006-000	Fredlund, Renee	\$11,150.00
140	206-441-007-000	Fredlund, Renee	\$19,000.00
141	207-161-002-000	Agnew, Ivan L & Beryl HTalsma, Charles J & Blanche C	\$1,250.00
142	207-161-010-000	Agnew, Ivan L & Blanch C Talsma, Charles J & Blanche C	\$1,250.00
143	208-331-006-000	Talbot, Jedidiah D	\$47,200.00
144	209-241-001-000	Collenberg, David A	\$2,750.00
145	209-241-002-000	Collenberg, David A	\$2,750.00
146	211-276-005-000	Trent, Christopher W & Robin A/ Trent Family Trust	\$32,200.00
147	212-162-055-000	Lapriore, Robert	\$32,350.00
148	212-162-056-000	Lapriore, Robert M Jr	\$9,800.00
149	215-171-001-000	MacDonald, Kathy	\$23,900.00
150	215-300-007-000	Bremer, Lonny D & Pyle, Richard A	\$6,900.00
151	216-023-011-000	Branham, Jody V & Contreras, James C Lasbury, Chaytawn P & Sherainian, Becky	\$2,600.00
152	216-391-008-000	Green, Martha F & Ponce, Augustine Jr	\$4,850.00
153	217-163-001-000	Bellach, Tyson & Phelps Jesse	\$15,450.00
155	217-401-003-000	Iordanova, Vessela B & Moghadam, Ramtin	\$35,100.00
156	219-061-006-000	Richman, Travis J	\$6,650.00
157	220-052-012-000	Privitt, John P & Wolf, Storm L	\$13,250.00

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158	221-071-003-000	Farrell, Chase M & Cyrus	\$52,100.00
160	316-233-014-000	Ochoa, Aaron G	\$25,700.00
161	317-054-006-000	Napaville Ranch LLC	\$2,200.00
162	400-031-027-000	James, Darrell D	\$18,700.00
163	400-082-002-000	Riley, Robert S	\$8,400.00
164	400-141-007-000	Edrich, Daniel F	\$2,500.00
165	400-141-008-000	Edrich, Daniel F	\$2,750.00
166	401-246-013-000	Newman, Coy N & Linda L	\$43,100.00
167	503-031-001-000	Miller, Dietrich B	\$20,800.00
168	510-121-022-000	Williamson, Marie C	\$8,200.00
169	511-131-058-000	Barbagallo, Alan A & Rita T	\$21,200.00
170	516-101-056-000	Jackson, Mary	\$10,200.00
171	519-252-019-000	Pelroy, Maxine & Verilhac Ronnie L	\$38,400.00
173	520-071-015-000	Bunce, Bernard P & Humphrey, Donnie D & Linda L/ Swide, Fred A	\$40,300.00
175	522-051-003-000	Penner, Matthew	\$24,900.00
176	522-351-003-000	Hames, Elmer J Hames, Elmer J Living Trust	\$17,400.00
177	522-470-023-000	Fisher, Karl & Kathleen	\$10,800.00
178	525-201-027-000	Masten, Melinda M	\$2,700.00
179	525-251-003-000	Stone, Oberly	\$3,100.00
180	525-261-007-000	Marshall, Jacquelyne J	\$4,850.00
181	526-291-010-000	Catron, Dorothy L	\$4,000.00

I certify or (declare), under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

  
John Bartholomew  
Humboldt County Tax Collector

Executed at Eureka, Humboldt County, California, on January 15th, 2021.  
Published in the North Coast Journal on January 21, 28 and February 4, 2021.



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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARTHA FLORETA BENSON, a/k/a MARTHA FLOREDA BENSON, a/k/a MARTHA BENSON CASE NO. PR2100007

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARTHA FLORETA BENSON, a/k/a MARTHA FLOREDA BENSON, a/k/a MARTHA BENSON CASE NO. PR2100007

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARTHA FLORETA BENSON, a/k/a MARTHA FLOREDA BENSON, a/k/a MARTHA BENSON A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner SAUNDRA JOY BENSON

In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that SAUNDRA JOY BENSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 6.

Effective Monday, May 18, 2020, Humboldt Superior Court will resume Probate calendars using remote video and phone conferencing. You have been served with a Notice of Hearing of a Petition pursuant to which a court hearing has been scheduled. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, if you wish to appear at the court hearing, you must do so remotely. Instructions to appear remotely are set forth on the Court's website: [www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov](http://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov).

You should not physically go to the Courthouse. The courtrooms and the Clerk's office remain closed until further notice. If you wish to file a written response to the Petition, which is the subject of this hearing, we have been advised by the Clerk that documents can be filed using the drop box at the Clerk's office located at the Court-

house at 421 I Street. If you file a written response, you must also mail copies of your response to: James D. Poovey, 937 Sixth Street, Eureka, CA 95501.

As the representative of the person who filed the Petition which is the subject of this hearing, we are available to discuss the Petition with you and any questions that you have concerning it. We are available by telephone at (707) 443-6744 and by mail at 937 Sixth Street, Eureka, CA 95501.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:

James D. Poovey  
937 6th Street  
Eureka, CA 95501  
707-443-6744

Filed: January 13, 2021  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

1/21, 1/28, 2/4 (21-019)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien on said property pursuant to sections 21700-21717 of the Business and Professions Code section 2328 of the UCC section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code. The undersigned will sell at public sale by the competitive bidding on the 30th day of January, 2021 at 10:00 am on the premises where the said property has been stored and which is Sutter Central Storage, 1649 Sutter Road, McKinleyville, CA, County of Humboldt the following:

#640 Brandon Jones



#447 Shaun Guy  
#3 Elena Lerch  
#653 Joan Rios  
#824 Theresa Bernard  
#457 Theresa Bernard  
#250 Sean Christian  
#241 Azucena Gomez  
#743 Melody Stoddard  
#204 Sarah Henderson  
#192 Sarah Henderson  
#244 Emmilee Risling  
#446 Cole Hall  
#321 Cory Buseick  
#413 Bethann Lindley  
#54 Scott Wesley  
#751 Julien Damwyk  
#187 Robert Hagland  
#240 Ben Hersgberger  
#613 Teresa Lussier

Purchases must be paid for at the time of sale in cash only. Anyone interested in attending the auction must sign in prior to 10:00 am on the day of the auction, no exceptions. All purchase items sold as-is, where-is and must be removed within 48 hours of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between the owner and the obligated party.

Auctioneer: David Johnson bond #9044453

Dated this 21st days of January and 28th day of January, 2021

01/21, 01/28 (21-018)

PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

Property will be sold via an online auction at [www.StorageAuctions.com](http://www.StorageAuctions.com). Auction bidding will begin at 10:00 AM on January 22nd, 2021 and will close at or after 1:00 PM on January 29th, 2021 at which time the auction will be completed and the high bidder will be determined. The property will be available for pick up where said property has been stored and which is located at Airport Road Storage, LLC. 500 and 1000 Airport Road Fortuna, CA 95540 County of Humboldt, State of California. (707)725-1234

B45 Kenneth Smith  
E86 Manager Unit

Household items, furniture, appliances, tools and personal items. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement between owner and obligated party. Please refer to [www.StorageAuctions.com](http://www.StorageAuctions.com) for all other terms and conditions governing the bidding and auction process.

Dated this 8th day of January, 2021

1/14, 1/21 (21-008)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00650

The following person is doing Business as

**NORTH COAST VETERINARY HOSPITAL**

Humboldt  
1701 Giuntoli Lane  
Arcata, CA 95521

2973 Penryn Road  
Penryn, CA 95663

**Loomis Basin Equine Medical Center, Inc.  
CA C3045204  
2973 Penryn Road  
Penryn, CA 95663**

The business is conducted by a Corporation. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s Langdon Fielding, President  
This December 31, 2020  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
by tn, Humboldt County Clerk

1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18 (21-021)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00621

The following person is doing Business as

**STEPPING STONES CHILDREN'S GARDEN**

Humboldt  
1920 Zehnder Ave  
Arcata, CA 95519

**Shehlee J Johnson  
2343 William Ct  
McKinleyville, CA 95519**

**Jarred W Johnson  
2343 William Ct  
McKinleyville, CA 95519**

The business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s Shehlee Johnson, Owner  
This December 17, 2020  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4 (21-006)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00640

The following person is doing Business as

**FLORA ORGANICA**

Humboldt  
5075 Dows Prairie Rd  
McKinleyville, CA 95519

**Andreas S Zierer  
5075 Dows Prairie Rd  
McKinleyville, CA 95519**

**Lisa H Zierer  
5075 Dows Prairie Rd  
McKinleyville, CA 95519**

The business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on January 1, 2000 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s Lisa H Zierer, Owner  
This December 30, 2020  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4 (21-003)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00651

The following person is doing Business as

**FIST**

Humboldt  
417 2nd St., Suite 204  
Eureka, CA 95501

PO Box 368  
Eureka, CA 95502

**Linda Hang  
207 G St  
Eureka, CA 95501**

**Michael S Galan  
207 G St  
Eureka, CA 95501**

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/s Linda Hang, Visual Artist/CEO  
This December 31, 2020  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
by tn, Humboldt County Clerk

1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4 (21-004)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00614

The following person is doing Business as

**ELEMENTAL REAL ESTATE and DESIGN, INC.**

Humboldt  
222 Cookhouse Springs Ln  
McKinleyville, CA 95519

**Elemental Real Estate and Design, Inc.  
CA C4634526  
222 Cookhouse Springs Ln  
McKinleyville, CA 95519**

The business is conducted by a Corporation. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s Katherine Fergus  
This December 15, 2020  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
by tn, Humboldt County Clerk

1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/40 (21-010)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00637

The following person is doing Business as

**CLONEYS LONG TERM CARE PHARMACY**

Humboldt  
525 5th St, Suite B  
Eureka, CA 95501

**Eureka Pharmacy LLC  
CA 202032510191  
5032 Bayview Circle  
Stockton, CA 95219**

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s Lakshmi Sriharsha Bingi, Managing Member  
This December 29, 2020  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4 (21-005)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 21-00004

The following person is doing Business as

**STUFF POTATO FOOD TRUCK**

Humboldt  
5409 Paradise Ln  
Eureka, CA 95503

**Susan J Metzger  
5409 Paradise Ln  
Eureka, CA 95503**

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s Susan J Metzger, Owner  
This January 6, 2021  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11 (21-012)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 21-00034

The following person is doing Business as

**HUMBOLDT DRIVING SCHOOL**

Humboldt  
2936 J Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

**James A Reeves  
2936 J Street  
Eureka, CA 95501**

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on January 15, 2021 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s James Reeves, Owner  
This January 15, 2021  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
by kt, Humboldt County Clerk

1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11 (21-014)



Hoopa Valley Public Utilities District  
Notice Inviting Bids

The Hoopa Valley Public Utilities District is soliciting bids for its Emergency Generator Project.

The scope of work includes installing three emergency generators at pump stations each with a concrete pad, security cage, and automatic transfer switch. Additionally, one new elevated diesel tank and pad are to be installed at the District office. Bids are to be submitted by 3:00 PM, Friday February 5th, 2021. Bid documents are available from the HumboldtBuilders Exchange or from the District Engineer at [lostcoastengineering@gmail.com](mailto:lostcoastengineering@gmail.com).

PUBLIC NOTICE  
HUMBOLDT COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Humboldt County Housing Authority intends to amend its PHA Plan and Administrative Plan. A copy of the proposed changes will be available for review at the Housing Authority office located at 735 W. Everding St., Eureka CA and the Housing Authority website at [www.eurekahumboldt.org](http://www.eurekahumboldt.org).

A public meeting for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed changes to the PHA Plan and Administrative Plan will be held via conference call on Thursday, January 28th at 3:30 to 4:30pm.

The Housing Authority will receive comments regarding the proposed changes starting January 28th thru the close of business on February 26th, 2021.

The Housing Authority hours of operation are 9:00am to 4:30pm, Monday thru Friday, alternating every other Friday an off day.



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LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT 20-00631

The following person is doing Business as  
**PUBLIC TRUST RESEARCH**

Humboldt  
247 Huntoon St  
Eureka, CA 95501

PO Box 6770  
Eureka, CA 95502

**Melissa M Birch**  
**247 Huntoon St**  
**Eureka, CA 95501**

The business is conducted by an Individual.  
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable  
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.  
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/s/ Melissa M Birch, Owner  
This December 22, 2020  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/31, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21 (20-333)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT 21-00005

The following person is doing Business as  
**CREATIVE PLASTIC RESEARCH**

Humboldt  
364 Vance Ave, Suite C  
Samoa, CA 95564

PO Box 244  
Samoa, CA 95564

**CPR Aquatic Inc.**  
**CA C2015455**  
**364 Vance Ave, Suite C**  
**Samoa, CA 95564**

The business is conducted by a Corporation.  
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed

above on Not Applicable  
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.  
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/s/ John Nicolini, President  
This January 6, 2021  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
by tn, Humboldt County Clerk

1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4 (21-009)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT 21-00029

The following person is doing Business as  
**COASTAL LAWN CARE**

Humboldt  
2255 Alliance Road #33  
Arcata, CA 95521

**Jay A Brown**  
**2255 Alliance Road #33**  
**Arcata, CA 95521**

The business is conducted by an Individual.  
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on January 15, 2021  
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.  
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/s/ Jay Brown, Owner  
This January 13, 2021  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11 (21-017)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT 21-00028

The following person is doing Business as  
**CENTER FOR REFLEXOLOGY AND INTUITIVE HEALING ARTS/CENTER FOR REFLEXOLOGY AND THE HEALING ARTS**

Humboldt  
735 12 St #G  
Arcata, CA 95521

**Alexandra L Seymour**  
**1137 Henderson St**  
**Eureka, CA 95501**

The business is conducted by an Individual.  
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable  
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.  
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
/s/ Alexandra L Seymour, Owner/  
Sole Proprietor  
This January 13, 2021  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
by kt, Humboldt County Clerk

1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11 (21-013)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
FILE NO. 17-00019

The following person have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name SOUTH BAY MINI-STORAGE  
Humboldt  
2031 Eich Road  
Eureka, CA 95503  
The fictitious business name was filed in HUMBOLDT County on January 11, 2017  
Ireta B Hinman  
710 Hilma Drive  
Eureka, CA 95503  
This business was conducted by: An Individual  
/s/ Ireta B Hinman, Owner  
This state was filed with the HUMBOLDT County Clerk on the January 12, 2021  
I hereby certify that this copy is true and correct copy of the original statement on file in my office  
s/ tn, Deputy Clerk  
Humboldt County Clerk

1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4 (21-011)

NCJ ASTROLOGY

Free Will Astrology  
Week of Jan. 21, 2021

By Rob Brezsny

freewillastrology@freewillastrology.com

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** On May 4, 2019, my Aries friend Leah woke up in a state of amazement. During the night, she felt she had miraculously become completely enlightened. Over the next 16 hours, she understood her life perfectly. Everything made sense to her. She was in love with every person and animal she knew. But by the next morning, the exalted serenity had faded, and she realized that her enlightenment had been temporary. She wasn't mad or sad, however. The experience shook her up so delightfully that she vowed to forevermore seek to recreate the condition she had enjoyed. Recently she told me that on virtually every day since May 4, 2019, she has spent at least a few minutes, and sometimes much longer, exulting in the same ecstatic peace that visited her back then. That's the Aries way: turning a surprise, spontaneous blessing into a permanent breakthrough. I trust you will do that soon.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** One morning, famous French army general Hubert Lyautey (1854-1934) instructed his gardener to spend the next day planting a row of saplings on his property. The gardener agreed, but advised Lyautey that this particular species of tree required 100 years to fully mature. "In that case," Lyautey said, "plant them now." I recommend that you, too, expedite your long-term plans, Taurus. Astrologically speaking, the time is ripe for you to take crisp action to fulfill your big dreams.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Someone asked poet E. E. Cummings what home was for him. He responded poetically, talking about his lover. Home was "the stars on the tip of your tongue, the flowers sprouting from your mouth, the roots entwined in the gaps between your fingers, the ocean echoing inside your ribcage." What about you, Gemini? If you were asked to give a description of what makes you feel glad to be alive and helps give you the strength to be yourself, what would you say? Now would be a good time to identify and honor the influences that inspire you to create your inner sense of home.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** "Be sweet to me, world," pleads Cancerian poet Stephen Dunn in one of his poems. In the coming weeks, I invite you to address the world in a similar way. And since I expect the world will be unusually receptive and responsive to your requests, I'll encourage you to add even more entreaties. For example, you could say, "Be revelatory and educational with me, world," or "Help me deepen my sense that life is meaningful, world," or "Feed my soul with experiences that will make me smarter and wilder and kinder, world." Can you think of other appeals and supplications you'd like to express to the world?

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Throughout his many rough travels in the deserts of the Middle East, the Leo diplomat and army officer known as Lawrence of Arabia (1888-1935) didn't give up his love of reading. While riding on the backs of camels, he managed to study numerous tomes, including the works of ancient Greek writers Aeschylus and Aristophanes. I'd love to see you perform comparable balancing acts in the coming weeks, Leo. The astrological omens suggest you'll be skilled at coordinating seemingly uncoordinatable projects and tasks — and that you'll thrive by doing so. (PS: Your efforts may be more metaphorical and less literal than Lawrence's.)

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Sculptor Stefan Saal testifies that one of his central questions as a creator of art is to know when a piece is done. "When making a thing I need to decide when is it thoroughly made, when is it dare-we-say 'perfected.'" He has tried to become a master of knowing where and when to stop. I recommend this practice to you in the next two weeks, Virgo. You've been doing good work, and will continue to do good work, but it's crucial that you don't get overly fussy and fastidious as you refine and perhaps even finish your project.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You're entering the potentially most playful and frisky and whimsical phase of your astrological cycle. To honor and encourage a full invocation of gleeful fun, I offer you the following thoughts from Tumblr blogger Sparkledog. "I am so tired of being told that I am too old for the things I like. No cartoons. No toys. No fantasy animals. No bright colors. Are adults supposed to live monotonous, bleak lives? I can be an adult and still love childish things. I can be intelligent and educated and informed and I can love stuffed animals and unicorns. Please stop making me feel bad for loving the things that make me happy."

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** "Nature cannot be ordered about, except by obeying her," wrote philosopher Francis Bacon (1561-1626). That paradoxical observation could prove to be highly useful for you in the coming weeks. Here are some other variants on the theme: Surrendering will lead to power. Expressing vulnerability will generate strength. A willingness to transform yourself will transform the world around you. The more you're willing to acknowledge that you have a lot to learn, the smarter you'll be.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** In his book *The Lover's Dictionary*, David Levithan advises lovers and would-be lovers to tell each other their very best stories. "Not the day's petty injustices," he writes. "Not the glimmer of a seven-eighths-forgotten moment from your past. Not something that somebody said to somebody, who then told it to you." No, to foster the vibrant health of a love relationship — or any close alliance for that matter — you should consistently exchange your deepest, richest tales. This is always true, of course, but it's especially true for you right now.

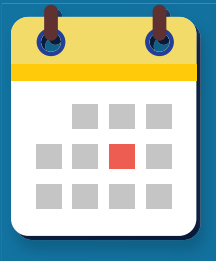
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** On Oct. 18, 1867, the United States government completed its purchase of Alaska from Russia. How much did this 586,000-acre kingdom cost? Two cents per acre, which in today's money would be about 37 cents. It was a tremendous bargain! I propose that we regard this transaction as a metaphor for what's possible for you in 2021: the addition of a valuable resource at a reasonable price. (PS: American public opinion about the Alaskan purchase was mostly favorable back then, but a few influential newspapers described it as foolish. Don't let naysayers like them dissuade you from your smart action.)

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** "My business is circumference," wrote poet Emily Dickinson in a letter to her mentor. What did she mean by that? "Circumference" was an important word for her. It appeared in 17 of her poems. Critic Rochelle Cecil writes that for Dickinson, circumference referred to a sense of boundlessness radiating out from a center — a place where "one feels completely free, where one can express anything and everything." According to critic Donna M. Campbell, circumference was Dickinson's metaphor for ecstasy. When she said, "My business is circumference," she meant that her calling was to be eternally in quest of awe and sublimity. I propose that you make good use of Dickinson's circumference in the coming weeks, Aquarius. It's time to get your mind and heart and soul thoroughly expanded and elevated.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Should I quote the wisdom of people who have engaged in behavior I consider unethical or immoral? Should I draw inspiration from teachers who at some times in their lives treated others badly? For instance, Pisces-born Ted Geisel, better known as beloved author Dr. Seuss, cheated on his wife while she was sick, ultimately leading to her suicide. Should I therefore banish him from my memory and never mention the good he did in the world? Or should I forgive him of his sins and continue to appreciate him? I don't have a fixed set of rules about how to decide questions like these. How about you? The coming weeks will be a good time to redefine your relationship with complicated people. ●

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FT/REGULAR**  
DEADLINE TO APPLY IS 5PM, JANUARY 15, 2021.

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**MEDICAL DIRECTOR FT/REGULAR**  
DEADLINE TO APPLY IS 5PM, JANUARY 22, 2021.

**PHARMACY CLERK FT/REGULAR**  
DEADLINE TO APPLY IS 5PM, JANUARY 15, 2021.

**CERTIFIED DATA ENTRY CODER TECHNICIAN  
FT/REGULAR**  
DEADLINE TO APPLY IS 5PM, JANUARY 15, 2021.

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DEADLINE TO APPLY IS 5PM, JANUARY 22, 2021.

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DEADLINE TO APPLY IS 5PM, JANUARY 22, 2020.

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DEADLINE TO APPLY IS 5PM, JANUARY 22, 2021.

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### TEACHER, Arcata

Responsible for developing & implementing of classroom activities—providing support & supervision for a preschool prog. Meet Associate Teacher Level on Child Development Permit Matrix & have 1-yr. exp. teaching in a preschool setting. F/T 40 hrs/wk. M-F \$14.78-\$16.30/hr. **Open until Filled.**

### TEMPORARY TEACHER, McKinleyville

Responsible for the development & implementation of classroom activities—provide support & supervision for a toddler program. Meet Associate Teacher Level on Child Development Permit Matrix & have 1 yr. experience teaching in a toddler setting. Temp F/T 36 hrs/wk. M-F \$14.78-\$15.52/hr. **Open Until Filled.**

### CLASSROOM ASSISTANT, Eureka

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Fiscal Department, Reg. F/T, Salary: \$70,000.00/yr.

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### HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Human Resources Department, Reg. F/T, Salary: \$ DOE.

Oversees the daily administration of the Human Resources Department and administration of the Tribe's Personnel Policies and Procedures; ensures policy compliance and provides assistance to program managers and employees with personnel issues.

**Minimum Qualifications:** Must have a Bachelor's Degree (B.A.) from a four year college or university; and one to two years of specific experience and/or training related to personnel management; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Ability to work under and address stressful situations. Must have a valid CA Driver's License and be insurable. Must maintain strict confidentiality at all times.

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### INSURANCE & RISK MANAGER

Insurance & Risk Management, Reg. F/T, Salary: DOE.

Plans, directs, organizes, coordinates and supervises the Hoopa Tribe's Risk Management and Insurance Program including on-going risk identification, evaluation and consultancy with tribal departments, entities and activities; insurance or self-insurance selection; direct supervision of loss prevention management, claims management, vocational resource management and property service to control risks and losses.

**Minimum Qualifications:** Must possess a Program Certificate; or one to four years related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Must be proficient in the use of computers and computer software programs such as: Microsoft Word, Excel, Abila MIP Accounting Software, Human Resources systems, Inventory systems, etc. Must possess a valid CA Driver's License and be insurable.

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## HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

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- Oversees administration of employee benefits, workers' compensation program, employee services, and associated record keeping.
- Develops and maintains human resources platform/systems.
- Fosters an inclusive company culture and ensures equitable policies throughout the organization.

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- Bachelor's degree (B.A.) from four-year college or university equivalent; or 4-10 years' related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.
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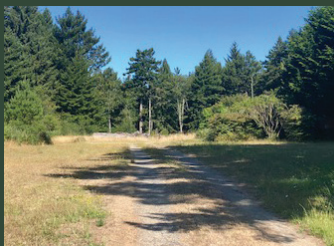
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